

## Daily Devotion For December 13, 2022

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have **eternal life.**” John 3:16

One of the great blessings, perhaps the greatest of all the blessings that we have in Christ is the **hope of heaven.** By the coming of Jesus, his life, his death, and his resurrection, those who have trusted in Christ are promised a place in **heaven** for all eternity.

Yesterday as Sherry and I were reflecting on the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kazuko’s passing we talked about how we will see her again. In this life she experienced many trials and tribulations but she is now in heaven with her Lord and free from any of the health issues that she experienced here on earth.

Advent and Christmas are reminders that no matter what we may go through in this earthly life, that Christ came into the world to save us from our sins and offer us the **hope of heaven.** For the families of Shirley Wong, Judy Yamashita, and others, this will be a sad Christmas for them. This is the first Christmas they will experience without their loved ones but they also know that they will see their loved ones again in the Kingdom of Heaven. That is our faith, that is our hope.

**Thought For Today:** The greatest gift and blessing you can offer anyone this Christmas season and every day for that matter is the hope of heaven. To whom can you tell about the hope of heaven?

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Please keep the families of those who have lost loved ones in prayer and pray that they would know the hope of heaven. Deo Volente.