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**GREATER RENO**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**Today's Study Focus: Heaven Matters Right Here, Right Now Part 4** - Recent polls suggest that nearly 80% of Americans believe there is a place called heaven. I find that statistic encouraging because it tells me that even in this skeptical age there is something deep inside the human heart that cries out, "There's got to be something more. Something more than the pain and suffering of this life. Something more than 70 or 80 years on earth. Something more than being born, living, dying, and then being buried in the ground. The only things we can know for certain about heaven are the things revealed in the Bible. The Bible tells us everything we need to know and I believe it also tells us everything we can know for certain about heaven. After all, if you're wrong about heaven, you're going to be wrong for a long time. **Ray Pritchard**

**Peace & Unity Will Be Everywhere In A New Heaven And A New Earth** John 16:33 - In me you may have peace.

- 1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord – 3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. Isaiah 11:6-9
- 6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. 7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. 9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Isaiah 11:6-9

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☑ **"The wolf will live with the lamb":** When the Messiah reigns, nature will be transformed. No longer will there be predators among the animals, and seemingly all animals will be only herbivores. **"The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox."** Not only will the way animals relate to each other be changed, but the way they relate to humans will be changed. A little child will be safe and able to lead a wolf or a leopard or a young lion or a bear. Even the danger of predators like cobras and vipers will be gone. **"The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest."** Enduring Word Bible Commentary

**A New Heaven And New Earth Is A Promise To Count On Now** Romans 8:28-30 - For those God knew He also predestined.

- 17 "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. 19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. 20 Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed." Isaiah 65:17-25

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☑ **"I will create new heavens and a new earth":** As the ultimate answer to the problem of man's sin, God will create a new heavens and a new earth. This takes place after the millennium, the glorious thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ, when this very earth and sky is done away with and God makes a new heaven and a new earth. Enduring Word Bible Commentary

Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people.

**Scripture Passages For Further Personal Study: Matthew 5:1-12** Great is your reward. **Revelation 7:13-17** He will lead them to springs of living water.



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## HOPE worldwide

### Hawaii HOPE Single Corps September 15 - September 22

Not only does Aloha mean hello and goodbye, the Hawaiian word "alo" means "presence" or "share," and the word "ha" means "breath of life" or "essence of life." We invite you to come experience the Aloha and take it with you when you return home. Hawai'i ranks #1 as the state with the most endangered species. It also has a growing homeless population. Partner with us in our efforts to serve the community and work the land to incorporate sustainable farming practices. In Hawaii, the idea of loving and caring for the land is very important and central to the island culture. The phrase "malama 'aina" is common and can be seen on signs throughout the islands. The Hawaiian word malama means "to care for or preserve, protect, and maintain," and 'aina refers to "land." During your stay, you will serve and also learn about the Hawaiian culture, see breathtaking landscapes and beaches, encourage the fellowship and most importantly, leave with a renewed sense of "ohana." Ohana means family (blood-related, adoptive or intentional). Our goal at HSC Hawai'i is to have every participant leave the island feeling renewed and refreshed.



- **Volunteers:** Singles of all ages (minimum 18 years)
- **All Meals & Lodging** - 8 days/nights: \$1,305 (not including flights)
- **Registration/Payment Deadline:** August 5, 2022

### Ecuador HOPE Volunteer Corps July 1 - July 14



The volunteers will serve in the rural area of Cunuyacu, about three hours away from the capital, Quito. They will serve with two main projects: 1) the setting up of a library for the children of the community. Anyone with library or literacy experience will be most welcome. 2) a sustainable agriculture program (CULTIVA) in partnership with DRAIS Foundation. This is an educational program where HOPEww teaches the community to grow and market their own food. Anyone with agriculture or business background skills would be helpful, but anyone with a willing heart can serve. This is a Spanish-speaking program, so fluency in Spanish is strongly encouraged in order to effectively connect with the local community. We will accept a limited number of non-Spanish-speaking volunteers, but it will be on a first-come, first-served basis. We are especially interested in educators, librarians, and anyone with agriculture or business skills, although anyone with a heart to serve will be able to contribute.

- **Volunteers:** Adults of all ages (minimum 18 years)
- **All Meals & Lodging** - 13 days/nights: \$1,080 (not including flights)
- **Registration/Payment Deadline:** May 20, 2022

### Philadelphia HOPE Youth Corps July 11 - July 23



We are excited to continue serving children from the inner city of Philadelphia through **Camp Miracles** and to join One Day At A Time (ODAAT) in their passion for aiding people with drug and alcohol addiction. This is one of our oldest and longest-running HOPE Youth Corps (HYC) with many years of experience. Many children growing up in the inner city of Philadelphia don't have access to the luxuries and experiences many of us take for granted. The team at ODAAT serves hundreds of men and women recovering from addiction. Joining their efforts would be beneficial to both the team and those who are served. Service to children from the inner city of Philadelphia, and to those recovering from addiction at ODAAT.

- **Volunteers:** Teens (minimum age 15) and campus students.
- **All Meals & Lodging** - 13 days/nights: \$1,125 (not including flights)
- **Registration/Payment Deadline:** May 25, 2022