Title: “Heaven, Yes”

Text: Luke 23:43: “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in [[paradise]].”

Take Away: This one word “paradise” not only cancels out your past, but also gives courage towards your future.

Target: The fear of what happens after death has caused people to live daily in doubt and dismay, but there is a hope found in the promise of Jesus from the cross that not only applied to the thief on the cross, but to you as well.

I. Paradise is a Place: “in”
   a. Meaning: “Walled Garden”
      i. Immediate Heaven: Acts 7:55-56
      ii. Future Heaven: Revelation 21:1-3

II. Paradise is Acceptance: “you”
   a. Immediate Judgment: Hebrews 9:27, 2 Cor. 5:8
   b. Future Judgment:
      i. Judgment Seat of Christ: 2 Cor. 5:10

-Salvation is not based upon how you performed, but whom you profess-

III. Paradise is a Reunion (s): “with me”
   b. Enlightened Relationships: Matthew 17:1-4

IV. Paradise is Astonishment: “Truly”
   a. Songs: Revelation 15:3
   b. Surroundings: Revelation 7:9, 21:9-14
   c. Supper: Revelation 19:9

V. Paradise is Deliverance: “today”

Key Scripture: Revelation 21:4, 22-27

-What make’s heaven significant is not just what is there, but what’s not there-
VI. **Paradise is Immortality: “be”**
   a. Great Exchange: 1 Cor. 15:50-58
   b. Great Event(s): 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Revelation 20:7-10

VII. **Paradise is Security: “I”**
   a. 4 Gardens: Eden, Gethsemane, Tomb, Eden
   b. 1 Goal: Revelation 21:3

VIII. **Paradise is Expectancy: “will”**
   a. His Promise: Rev. 22:12, 20
   c. Our Power: Revelation 12:10-11

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