



Well Done... Enter into Rest

"Guard The Faithful Shall Receive the Crown."

Matthew 25:21 NLT - "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'"

Introduction

Family of God, today we gather not just in sorrow but in hope, for we stand upon the promise of our Lord in Matthew 25:21: **"Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Lord."** These are the words every believer longs to hear at the close of life's journey. Death is not a defeat but a doorway, not an end but an entrance into eternal joy. Our beloved has exchanged the burdens of this world for the rest of heaven, the labor of faith for the crown of reward. **We honor a life lived in service, and we rejoice in the assurance that the faithful do not perish** - they enter into rest prepared by the Father Himself.

Things to Remember

1. Death Is Not the End - Christ Is Our Living Hope"

- For the believer, death is not final but a doorway to eternal life.
- Paul reminds us: "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).
- **Death ends earthly struggles but begins eternal rest in God's presence.**

👉 **Take Away: What looks like loss on earth is gain in heaven.**

2. Christ Is Our Living Hope

- **Our hope is not in human strength**, traditions, or memories—**but in the risen Christ.**
- “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live” (John 11:25).
- Because Christ lives, we have assurance that our loved one who believed in Him lives too.

👉 **Take Away: Hope is not a concept; Hope is a Person—Jesus.**

3. Our Inheritance Is Eternally secured

- **Heaven is not a fading dream but a promised reality.**
- “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying...” (Revelation 21:4)
- We honor our loved one’s life, but we also rejoice because their eternal inheritance is safe with Christ.

👉 **Take Away: While we grieve, we do not grieve as those without hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13)**

Closing Word

- Death does not have the final word—Christ does.
- The grave is not the end—it is a passage into glory.
- For us who remain, this is both a comfort and a call: to live in the light of eternity.

👉 **Prophetic Declaration:**

- **Because Christ is alive, death has no victory.**
- **Because Christ is our hope, we will see our loved ones again.**
- **And because Christ reigns, we live today with confidence that death is not the end!**