A Colony of Heaven

Scripture Passage - Mark 4:21-32
Text - Phil. 3:20

INTRODUCTION

Wanted today! A Fresh Apocalypse of power by pulpit, pew, and mankind.

"Tarry ye in Jerusalem until" A sense of our heavenly citizenship. We are a colony of heaven. We keep our heads in the air and our feet on the ground. Paul was able to see beyond the battle-ents of Rome to the turret tops of heaven. He saw beyond the skies.

DISCUSSION

1. The Workers in this colony are redeemed personalities. John and his vision. "I saw a new heaven and a new earth". Consider what unredeemed men have done in the world. They have taken God out of Science, Christ out of history, divine will out of human personalities, love out of human hearts. The author who came to H. G. Wells with his story—"You have a style without a story". Personality without God loses its grandeur and beauty. The hope of our civilization is in blood bought men and women. Kagawa, Schweitzer, Chaing Kai Shek, and wife

2. The Task of this Colony is the Redemption of the unredeemed areas of Life. The coming of a new world order. The message of Penticost was that the old order was dead and that anew order was born—that of Love and goodwill.
Industry--Race Conflict (Negro College President who walked all morning trying to find a place where a negro could eat in Washington D.C.)

International relationships. We are not just making a journey, we are establishing a settlement for the king of heaven. John-"New Jerusalem" Isa. 6:1 His vision and call to serve. To redeem all of life—before

3. The Method was the Invasion of God into the World. A cradle but in that cradle was a cross, a kingdom, and a crown. "New Jerusalem—Coming Down" Karl Barth. God most often moves in quiet paths, to bring about his will but sometimes his action is Cataclysmic. Sin—Adam and Eve; Moses and Law; Isaiah and his Call, Jeremiah.

4. The Goal of this colony is Complete Allegiance to Christ.
"There is another king, one Jesus". Many ties bind the colonists to the home country. Glance at the museum in this colony—we see not a sword, canon, airplane, military trophies, Swastika, fasces, "red flag"—Rather we see a Cradle, Carpenters bench, Patched garments, a Ring, Basin and water, two big beams—a CROSS.

CONCLUSION
In the presence of such tremendous responsibility, we can only pause and place out trembling hands into the hands of our great King. His strength is our power, His will is our constant goal. Though we are afar off may we always endure as seeing him who is invisible.