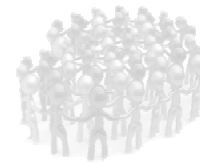




Our Future



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Our future includes...

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2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

² For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven;

³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked.

⁴ For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

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⁵ Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

⁶ Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord--

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight--

⁸ we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

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⁹ Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

¹¹ Therefore knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

Other passages regarding our future include...

2 Samuel 12:19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."

²⁰ So David arose from the ground, washed, anointed *himself*, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.

²¹ Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food."

²² And he said, "While the child was *still* alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.'

²³ "But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

Luke 16:19 "Now there was a certain rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, gaily living in splendor every day.

²⁰ "And a certain poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,

²¹ and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

²² "Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

²³ "And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴ "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame.'

Luke 23:42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"

⁴³ And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

²² But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

²³ But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better;

²⁴ yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

²⁵ And convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

Revelation 4:4 And around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

...⁹ And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,

¹⁰ the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

² "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

⁴ "And you know the way where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

1 Corinthians 3:8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it.

¹¹ For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

¹³ each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

¹⁴ If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward.

¹⁵ If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.