



**The Spirit of Life
Part 4
Our Future in the Spirit? Glorification!
Romans 8:18-25**

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Romans 8:18–25

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the eagerly awaiting creation waits for the revealing of the sons and daughters of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only that, but also we



ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters, the redemption of our body. For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly for it.” (NASB 2020)

So far, Paul has taken us from the glorious realization that in Christ, there is no condemnation, we have indeed been set free. We have learned that the expectation of life in this new regime of the Spirit means no longer living and exhibiting the works of the flesh, but instead, we see the Holy Spirit producing His fruit in our lives.

We also have learned that to fully enable that changed lifestyle requires a type of power we are not able to produce on our own. And we learned that upon salvation, not only does the Holy Spirit come into us to help us now live as citizens of heaven, but if we ask Him, He will also come upon us in power to do extraordinary service for Him, allowing our flesh to move further and further into the background and allowing His Spirit to rule and reign in our life. As we move into this new citizenship of heaven, we experience the fruit of the Spirit and step out in faith and power to be Spirit led in all that we do.

Now we learn, in the Spirit, there is also a future that is mind blowing.

Paul begins this conversation of the future with a reference to our present reality living as citizens of the Kingdom here on this doomed planet with doomed people that just do not want to hear what we want to tell them about what Jesus has done for them. The reality goes from being barely tolerated to full on persecution which, in some cases, leads to martyrdom.

We thought that we would never see that in this nation, but we are indeed now seeing it as those who want nothing to do with Jesus are, as Jesus predicted in these last days, more and more lawless. Right after He tells us of some of the things that will point to His soon second coming, He says this.

Matthew 24:9–14

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” (ESV)

Jesus tells His disciples that once He has ascended, once He is gone, this will become a reality for them and it only gets worse as time goes by.

Consider the order in which Paul has provided this to us. Persecution is tough to deal with. He knows firsthand and he also knows the struggle that the brand-new body of believers in Thessalonica endured as they went through severe persecution prior to being fully grounded in the word. Ideally, what Paul is outlining here in Romans 8, is what each of us as followers of Jesus would be able to enjoy prior to the onset of persecution.

What is the primary thing persecution will do? Make us want to quit. What prevents that, the power of the Holy Spirit. And now we get the order that Paul has been following, logically, in this discussion. The sufferings of the present time, what do they look like?

What He is discussing are things that are part of the birth pangs. Persecution is one of those things. So, what is the status today?



Global Christian Relief gives us a current picture. “The 2026 World Watch List paints a grim picture for believers worldwide. Christian persecution statistics show the crisis is growing, not shrinking, and the numbers back it up. An estimated 388 million Christians now face high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith, up 8 million from the previous year.

One in seven Christians worldwide faces persecution for their faith. In Africa, that number jumps to one in five. These aren't abstract figures pulled from outdated reports. They reflect the lived experience of believers right now, people who risk imprisonment, displacement, and death simply for following Jesus. And the data show things are trending in the wrong direction. (Global Christian Relief 2026)

As we pray this week, this is one of those things we should be praying about. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted and killed every day because they love Jesus. But also pray for the body here in the west. We think we are immune. We aren't. Persecution Monitor has this nation as emerging into persecution.

In 2024 alone, 383 churches in 43 states were affected. The most targeted states were California (40), Pennsylvania (29), Florida and New York (25 each), Texas (23), Tennessee (19), and Ohio (19). Types of incidents included 284 acts of vandalism, 55 arson attempts, 14 bomb threats, and 47 classified as “other.” Gun-related incidents rose sharply, more than doubling from 12 in 2023 to 28 in 2024. (American Faith 2025)

What we are experiencing here in this nation is nothing when compared to North Korea or any Muslim majority country.

Hebrews 13:3

“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.” (ESV)

So, we remember to pray for those who are being persecuted for loving Jesus. At the same time, we too must continue to remember that our citizenship is not on this planet but is in heaven where we have our citizenship.

Philippians 3:20–21

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.” (ESV)

Let's do the math, how long have we lived here on this planet prior to coming to Jesus Christ. How many years have we lived since we gave up and said yes to Jesus,, and for many the number with Jesus is smaller than then number before Jesus but add those two numbers together. But here is the final metric to keep aware of, again, this is a comparative.

Romans 8:18

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” (NASB 2020)

And there it is, total life thus far on earth versus total life in heaven.

When you consider eternity with Christ to let's say 80 plus years here on this planet, how do those compare? They do not. That is the point.



When we came to Jesus, we were made totally and completely new. We are now eternal beings, that is our destiny. I don't feel too eternal whenever my knees ache, but that is the future reality for all of us who love Jesus.

Another question for us, will life look and feel the same in heaven, or will it be different? Present reality versus future glory, I mean...really.

Colossians 3:2–4

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” (ESV)

We spent a lot of time talking about this earlier in Romans, we have indeed died to sin. The old man is no more. We changed our citizenship from earth to heaven and are no longer earth dwellers as John defined those who lived only for this life in Revelation. This is not our home, decision making as it pertains to being mistreated or misused, persecuted, become immensely easier to do when the perspective is right. Paul provides the perspective gauge in 2 Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 4:17–18

“For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” (ESV)

If you and I take our eyes off of Jesus, then the things of this world begin to seem to be important. Our status with our peers in the world or at work suddenly become much more important than our relationship with the Lord. When we go there, again, it leads to some goofy decisions where we become willing to compromise in favor of status over faithfulness.

But if we decide, ahead of time, that the “sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory,” decision making becomes much easier. Mounce points out that Paul realized “that his earthly life was but a moment in time in comparison with eternity. Not only that, but the glory of the coming age will be qualitatively distinct from the trials of the present. If we allow the difficulties of life to absorb our attention, they will effectively blot out the glory that awaits us.” (Mounce 1995, 184)

Romans 8:19

“For the eagerly awaiting creation waits for the revealing of the sons and daughters of God.” (NASB 2020)

What Paul has just told us, again, is that as we do life, we find that a lot of our time is spent waiting on the Lord. This includes waiting on Him to achieve what it is He wishes to achieve in our life based on the various things He has us encounter and go through to include persecution.

But here is an interesting thought for us, we aren't the only ones going through this. You and I are not alone. Creation is waiting too.

Creation means what it says, creation. The heavenly host, eagerly waiting for the final scene to begin. The fallen ones, yep them too but for other reasons. The entirety of the universe, yep. What Paul has done is something David did as well in the psalms, he is personifying something as a means to help us understand some truth.

The phrase “eagerly awaiting” here in verse 19 is the Greek word ἀποκαρδοκία (apokaradokia).



"This word is made up of κάρα "head" and δέκομαι, δέχομαι "to take" (perhaps origin. "to stretch," cf. δοκεύω/δοξάζω "to spy on," "to give heed to," and thus καταδόκος (not attested) "stretching the head forward."" (Delling 1964-, 393)

The picture being drawn for us here by Paul is that of someone who is straining their neck to see what is coming.

The picture is someone or one who "looks forward to with eagerness and desire— 'what one eagerly expects, eager expectancy, eager desire.'" (Louw and Nida 1996, 295)

Creation knows this will indeed happen. There is no anxiety here, just a confident longing for what is coming. Creation knows, as personified, that it's future is tied into the the "children of God." That would be the church. Creation is waiting, just as we are waiting, for the pre-tribulation rapture of the church.

The revealing of, or rather the ἀποκάλυψιν (apocalypsin) of the, the final unveiling of the children of God. John talks about this moment.

1 John 3:1–2

"(See what sort of love the Father has given to us: that we should be called God's children—and indeed we are! For this reason the world does not know us: because it did not know him. Dear friends, **we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that whenever it is revealed we will be like him, because we will see him just as he is.**" (NET 2nd ed.)

That is the exact moment creation is waiting for.

Romans 8:20–21

"For the **creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it**, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God." (NASB 2020)

How did we get here? What is the reason creation was subjected to futility. We must go to the book of Genesis to find that.

First, we look at the status of creation at the completion of God's work on the sixth day. I do not intend to go into it now, but here at Calvary Chapel, we believe God created everything in six days. The Hebrew word is yom which does mean day.

Genesis 1:31

"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day." (ESV)

Dr. Fruchtenbaum explains this for us. "The verdict was: and, behold, it was very good; not merely good, but now the word very is added. This is the first emphasis of the uniqueness of the sixth day. The rabbis declared that the adverb very is added to denote that the perfection of the total creation exceeds that of its separate parts. This phrase also looks over the work of all six days. When it states: It was very good, it is not only for the sixth day, but also for all six days. However, the phrase is limited by its context to what was created during these six days. It does not include the angels since this chapter does not mention the creation of the angelic host." (Fruchtenbaum 2008, 61)

God's conclusion at the end of creating the universe, it was very good. But something happened. The Nacash showed up and lied and Eve bought the lie.



Genesis 3:6–7

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.” (ESV)

Everything changed with those two bites of whatever the fruit was. Immediate separation from God and spiritual death. At that exact moment the body also began to do something it was not designed to do, age and die. Adam and Eve did this with the instigation of the Nacash.

Genesis 3:17–19

“And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”” (ESV)

What we see when we look at the world today is not what the original creation was. It has all changed as a result of the curse. Where did the Second Law of Thermodynamics come from, here.

Where did weeds come from, right here. Where did mosquitos and other creepy crawlies have their lifestyles shifted, right here. Creation was turned upside down because of the sin of Adam and Eve. What we see today, is the remains of the original creation that was intentionally altered by God, not once but twice. The second time in the flood which was a further judgment taking place because of the corruption imposed on His good creation by the fallen ones, the watchers, at Mount Hermon in Genesis 6.

Creation was not intended for what we see today. Just as we suffer, it is as well.

Just as we are looking forward to that moment in time that Jesus Christ appears in the sky and snatches us to be with Him forever, creation is also waiting for the same day.

The sin of Adam and Eve ended, for a time, what creation was intended to be by God. And creation did not go there willingly but went there because of sin.

Isaiah 24:5–6

“The earth lies defiled under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are scorched, and few men are left.” (ESV)

Francis Schaeffer also expounds on this fact of life due to sin and the expectation of creation and us as well. “Troubles, sorrows, persecution, sick children, people killing each other, people maligning each other; a great portion of the world today are slaves to other men; a great portion of the world today are displaced from their homes. Are we so foolish or hardhearted as to say that this is not a world of suffering? And yet, according to Paul, it all points forward specifically to the future redemption of our body and the subsequent restoration of all creation at Christ's return.” (Schaeffer 1998, 211)

Sin impacted everything in the universe. Until all is restored by the Lord, much of the universe has no purpose because that what it was created for, is now on hold. Just as Christ will indeed glorify us and set us free from this body for a new one, one that is incapable of sin, all creation will as well become what it was intended to be.



Welcome to the Kingdom. This is what is distinctly being pointed at here by Paul. Creation will finally be restored to what was always intended by the Lord when He made it.

Part of what takes place during the various judgments of the book of Revelation would constitute as a type of terraforming, God in the process of restoring His good creation back to what it used to be. Eden again.

Ezekiel 38:23

"I will exalt and magnify myself; I will reveal myself before many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD." (NET 2nd ed.)

In the Kingdom, we begin to experience the intent of God's creation which will be fully realized in the eternal state. Michael Heiser clearly states this reversal Paul is pointing to.

All that was originally intended in God's vision of a global Eden has come to pass. The final Eden has no death. The choices of God's free-will imagers that obstructed God's plan have been dealt with. All the imagers, human and divine, who dwell in the new Eden have chosen correctly—they have believed that Yahweh is the God of gods and that his way is best. Their will has aligned with his will. The "already, but not yet" has been realized. The "not yet" has given way to now and forever. (Heiser 2025, 461)

Romans 8:22–23

"For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only that, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters, the redemption of our body." (NASB 2020)

Meanwhile, creation along with us are waiting on the Lord.

Isaiah 11:6–9

"A wolf will reside with a lamb, and a leopard will lie down with a young goat; an ox and a young lion will graze together, as a small child leads them along. A cow and a bear will graze together, their young will lie down together. A lion, like an ox, will eat straw. A baby will play over the hole of a snake; over the nest of a serpent an infant will put his hand. They will no longer injure or destroy on my entire royal mountain. For there will be universal submission to the LORD's sovereignty, just as the waters completely cover the sea." (NET 2nd ed.)

Creation realizes that its future is tied in with our future. Paul here compares what is going on in creation as birth pangs. Jesus used the same analogy in Matthew 24 regarding the signs that would become more and more evident prior to His second coming. That does not take place until after the rapture of the church as well as the entire seven-year period called the Tribulation, and we are seeing the birth pangs increasing dramatically right now. Eleven, as of Saturday morning August 29th 2026, earthquakes globally in excess of 7 on the seismic scale in 2026 since February 22nd. Two occurred just this month with the latest being a 7.7 in Indonesia on August 14th. (USGS 2026)

Seems to be the frequency and severity may be increasing but it is 18% more than 100 years prior. There were 16 in 2025 which is a 37.5% increase, 10 in 2024 a 20% increase, and 19 in 2023 which is a 15.8% increase. I am stopping there. Birth pangs. Creation groaning.

Paul also described this same groaning we see in creation with what we see in each of us as followers of Jesus Christ. We too look forward to Jesus coming to take us to Himself.



2 Corinthians 5:2–9

“For indeed, in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, since in fact after putting it on, we will not be found naked. For indeed, we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a pledge. Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight—but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.” (NASB 2020)

But until then, we join with nature in waiting and groaning. Ray Stedman made this observation about how creation is waiting.

“Somebody has pointed out that all the sounds of nature are in the minor key. Listen to the sighing of the wind. Listen to the roaring of the tide. Listen to the roar of the cataract. Even most of the sounds of birds are in the minor key. All nature is singing, but it is singing a song of bondage. Yet it sings in hope, looking forward to that day, Paul says, when it shall step into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Not only does nature testify to this bondage, bearing witness to the hope that is waiting, but, Paul says, we ourselves have this testimony. Our present experience confirms that this glory is coming.” (Stedman 1976)

What does our creator think about all of this, what sin has done to us and how we are so looking forward to redemption? We discover that when Jesus Christ, the one who made it all (Colossians 1:16-17), came to Mary and Martha’s home in order to raise Lazarus from the dead.

John 11:32–39

“Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” **Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.** And He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” **Jesus wept.** Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!” And some of them said, “Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?” **Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb.** It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”” (NKJV)

Jesus is emotional, extremely so here as He is with those He loves and who love Him, and He is seeing the damage of sin and what the curse, due to sin, has done and is doing. This is why He came in the first place, to redeem us from this.

He knew He would be raising Lazarus from the dead shortly and He wept over the fact that He would be bringing Him from the reality of paradise, back to this planet.

But He also groans over what sin had and is doing to those who love Him.

Today, you and I groan. Aging is not fun. Living in this sinful cursed world is not fun. Stedman continues, “we groan in disappointment, in bereavement, in sorrow. We groan physically in our pain and our limitation. Life consists of a great deal of groaning. But the apostle immediately adds that this is a groaning which is in hope. As nature groans in hope, so we believers groan -- but we groan in hope too.” (Stedman 1976)



Romans 8:23

“And not only that, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters, the redemption of our body.” (NASB 2020)

As believers, we groan for a positive reason. We have, at the moment we came to Christ, received a taste of what is to come. As we are empowered and step forth in service allowing the Holy Spirit to gush from us, we once again get a taste of what is to come.

We have received our first taste of “already but not yet” and because of that, we desire the “not yet” even more than before.

Joel 2:28–29

“And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.” (NKJV)

God has, by giving us the Holy Spirit, provided us with a taste of what it will be like when we are finally in glorified bodies and not longer even capable of sinning. No more sin nature is indeed something to groan about. We wait eagerly, and the term used is the same Greek word we touched on earlier about creation. We too are straining to see the day. R. Kent Hughes adds to this view.

We have the first installment (or down payment) of the inconceivably fabulous heritage God has prepared for us. When Abraham’s servant was sent to find a bride for Isaac and met Rebekah, he gave silver and gold garments and presents to Laban as indications of what was to come. That is what God has done for us by his Holy Spirit. That indescribable peace we knew when we first experienced the forgiveness of our sins, the power of God that calms our heart despite circumstances, the joy that floods our souls—these are mere foretastes of what is yet to come! (Hughes 1991, 161-162)

What is it we are waiting for? Our final adoption, our redemption, that moment in time where we are indeed no longer in these bodies but have been glorified.

Remember the three tenses of salvation we discussed earlier in our study of Romans. Justification, I am saved. Sanctification, I am being saved, being made more like Jesus. Glorification, I am saved and with all of what that means, to include now having a body just like Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:1–3

“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him. **Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.** And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.” (NLT)

That, brother and sister in Christ, is our future. To have a body just like His.

As my granddaughter put it when she was much younger, “I want to walk through walls like Jesus.”

With a body just like His, then we too will have that skill, not so much the walking through walls, but the multidimensionality that we lost in the fall. No longer limited to only 10% to 15% of brain usage, but all of it. No longer limited by disease or mortality. No longer tempted to sin because the sin nature is gone.

So, for now, we are standing on our tip toes straining to see His soon coming for us.



Romans 8:24–25

“For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly for it.” (NASB 2020)

Paul talked about this hope that we have and the need for us to live everyday in the light of this hope. We touched on it earlier.

2 Corinthians 5:6–8

“Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—for **we walk by faith, not by sight**—but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.” (NASB 2020)

Satan would prefer for you and me to walk by sight and forget faith. When you walk by sight, then what are you trusting in? The flesh, the things of the world, those things we can touch and feel. This is where Satan attacked Jesus in the wilderness, he attacked Him and challenged Him to walk by sight to provide for His own needs rather than to rely on the Father. Jesus said no.

Satan tries to do the same to us. This is why we need relationship and why we walk with the Lord and of course, armor up daily. Satan will indeed throw a challenge at us where we have to make a decision. And not a minor decision either but he will make it seem to be so urgent that we really do not have time to pray beforehand.

Nehemiah had that happen to him, but he had already been praying and was ready to go. As a result, before answering, we see him doing this. “Then the king said to me, “What would you request?” **So I prayed to the God of heaven.**” (Nehemiah 2:4, NASB 2020) Hint, in his heart he did that, not out loud. And then he moved forward.

How are we doing on that? As followers of Jesus, we live and walk by faith, not sight.

Habakkuk 2:4

“Behold, as for the impudent one, His soul is not right within him; **But the righteous one will live by his faith.**” (NASB 2020)

When Paul says we have hope, our hope is based on a person, a person who has made a personal promise to each of us. His promise is in John 14.

John 14:1–3

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that **I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.**” (ESV)

That is the basis, the source of our hope once we have come to Christ. He promised and He always keeps His promises.

Paul explained this hope to his protégé Titus.

Titus 2:11–14

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and **to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who**



gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.” (ESV)

The redemption of our body is what will indeed take place when Jesus comes for us in the pre-tribulation rapture of the church.

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

“Listen, I will tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but **we will all be changed—in a moment, in the blinking of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.** For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. Now when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will happen, “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!” (NET 2nd ed.)

This is the exclusive future that all of us who know Jesus Christ as our savior and Lord have to look forward to. There is room for more though to join us as we stand on our tip toes looking for Him to come and get us.

Why not join us today?

Romans 3:21–24

“But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.” (NLT)

Romans 10:9–13

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”” (NLT)

ABC’s of Salvation

- A. Acknowledge that you are a sinner, tell Him that.
- B. Believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sin and that He rose from the dead.
- C. Confess that Jesus is Lord. Tell someone about what you have done.



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