

## **FUTURE HOPE (continued)**

1 John 5:

11 “And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”



## **CHALLENGE:**

James 1: (don't waste your sorrows)

2 “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”

Proverbs 3:

5 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.”

John 12: (*the baton has been passed on...to me...to you*)

24 “I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

Romans 10:

9 “That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

13 “...Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Ephesians 5: (*redeem the time - tomorrow may not come*)

15 “Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise,

16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil”.

Romans 12: (*living sacrifices*)

1 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.”

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## **Bible Verses of Comfort (for times of sorrow)**

by Dave Pikel (started in 1980)

### **COMFORT NOW**

Psalm 46:1 (NIV'84 mostly)

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

Psalm 147:3

“He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.”

Proverbs 18:24

“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

Isaiah 40:29

“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”

Isaiah 41:10

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Matthew 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

John 11:25

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.’”

Hebrews 13:5

“...God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

Psalm 23: (NKJV)

1 “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

4 Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

### **COMFORT & NEW LIGHT**

Nehemiah 8:10

“... the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

John 11:35

“Jesus wept.



## **COMFORT & NEW LIGHT (continued)**

Genesis 28:15

“I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go,…”

Psalms 62:

5 “Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

6 He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken.

7 My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”

Psalms 116:15

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.”

Psalms 121:1

“I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.”

Romans 8:26

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.”

II Corinthians 1

3 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

5 For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.”

I Timothy 6:6

“But godliness with contentment is great gain.”

## **FUTURE HOPE**

Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Philippians 1: (if ‘to live is Christ’ – then ‘to die is gain’)

21 “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!

23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;”

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John 14:

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

2 In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.”

I Corinthians 15 (NLT’15)

50 “What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. 51 But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 52 It will happen in a moment, in the blink of eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.”

55 “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? 56 For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. 57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.”

I Thessalonians 4 (NLT’15)

13 “And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. 17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

18 So encourage each other with these words.”