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Col 1:3-5

3 We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven.

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What are you looking forward to
This year?
In your Retirement?
After your death?

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Luke 19:16-18

Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

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Matt 24:46-47

If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. 47 I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant **in charge of all he owns**.

New Living Translation

Matt 25:34

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, **inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

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John 5:17

But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working to this very day, and I have been working."

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Heb 11:13-16

Each one of these people of faith died not yet having in hand what was promised, but still believing. How did they do it? They saw it way off in the distance, waved their greeting, and accepted the fact that they were transients in this world.

¹⁴ People who live this way make it plain that they are looking for their true home. If they were homesick for the old country, they could have gone back any time they wanted. ¹⁶ But they were after a far better country than that — heaven country. You can see why God is so proud of them, and has a City waiting for them.

THE MESSAGE:

Rev 21:5

**And he that sat upon the throne
said, Behold, I make all things
new.**

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“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. (Isaiah 65:17)

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (2 Peter 3:13)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (Revelation 21:1)

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. **12** I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; **13** also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

(Ecclesiastes 3:11-13)

Our true desires at the deepest levels are for:

⊕ Beauty – It is about being

⊕ Intimacy – It is about relating

⊕ Adventures – It is about doing

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For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

(Romans 8:19-21)

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Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

(1 John 3:2)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

True eternity that awaits you is the fully restored you in all your glory, on the fully restored, renewed and upgraded earth and in new heavens, forever in perfect fellowship with the Father, Son and the Spirit, knowing others and being fully known, doing what you deeply love and are designed to do to your heart's content for the good pleasure and glory of God.

Hope

What would you love to be set free to do in the coming Kingdom of God?

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