

# YOUR FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT!

*"Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6*

- If there was one thing that I struggled with a long time, was with fearing my future. I didn't feel very secure most of the time regarding how things would work out, leaving me feeling hopeless most of the time. But when I gave my life over to Christ, I began realizing that my future was very different than what I expected. My prayer is that you would too see your future in Christ as a positive growing experience, expecting Him to carry you, take care of you, and strengthen you in all things.

## I CAN FACE THE FUTURE CONFIDENTLY...

### A. BECAUSE GOD IS WATCHING OVER ME!

*"Surely goodness ... will follow me all the days of my life ..."* God cares for the details.

1. Jesus promises never to leave us. We know that God is a good God. Therefore, 'goodness' is to be expected in our future. Not that everything we go thru is 'pleasing' to us, but God promises to work it out for 'good' to you because you love Him. *"We know that all that happens to us is working for our good!" Rom 8:28*
2. *"He orders his angels to protect you wherever you go." Ps. 91:11* Even His ministering angels are sent to us to guard us...not one angel, but plural...angels. They are there to comfort, guide, and protect us in God's design. Perhaps you have even experienced angelic protection like I have several times in my life. For instance, there was a night where I should have been blown up in a car on fire while I was asleep, but God's angel woke me with a 'tap' on my shoulder. I am still here, and so are you!

### B. BECAUSE GOD'S GRACE IS WORKING IN ME!

*"Surely mercy will follow me all the days of my life..."* God's Riches At Christ's Expense.'

I can assure you that when you begin your walk with Christ, you will be persecuted, you'll at times feel like giving up, you'll experience temptation, and you'll go from test to test of your character. In the process, you will battle feelings of guilt and condemnation. Let me tell you, those feelings were not from God. God is gracious, and He sends you His grace thru your faith in His Son every moment you feel like quitting.

1. *"... we can come before God's throne where ... we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it." Heb. 4:16* Not because we're perfect people, or talented, or smart, but because of His blood on Calvary...that alone is why we can come as we are to Him. Put your faith in His grace.

### C. BECAUSE HEAVEN IS WAITING FOR ME!

*"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*

1. I have known people that fear death. I used to also. Death for a believer means that suffering has finally ended! *"He will wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. All of that has gone forever." Rev. 21:4 (LB)*
2. Death for a believer in Christ is going home! *"You are only visitors here... your real home is in heaven..." 1 Peter 2:11*

Jesus said that He has gone to prepare a place for us. That is your destiny as a believer in Christ... a home forever with Him, serving exactly as how you have been created for by God. Heaven is a reality for a believer in Christ!

**If you have not yet given your life to Christ** now is the day. It is simple. He loves you. Sin has separated you from Him (like all of us) and God sent his Son to pay the price of your sin. That is what God wants you to know. Put your faith in Christ for forgiveness and eternity. He is the way, the truth and the life! (Jn 14:6)