

OUR WORLD VIEW

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Whether rich or poor, sick or healthy, young or old; the peoples of this world have no lasting control over the things that they value the most. The first reality is, that their much loved family members have/will all pass away. Secondly, many of their relationships will fail, often multiply and their own children will only last a limited time before they also perish. Meanwhile, they are subject to erratic political changes, their jobs are at the mercy of economic factors beyond their control and their health faces unknown risks. This world is becoming less stable by the minute and real risk factors are increasingly moving beyond human control in almost all areas of life... war is looming everywhere. As dedicated Christians, our future is viewed very differently from the rest of the world. The Holy Spirit has given us options and guarantees beyond the imagination of humanity. Here is a brief overview of what serving God has given us... with all its benefits.

Our lives have much more going for them than those outside the church. ROM 6:22 But now being made **free from sin**, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end **everlasting life**. *Our lives have a purpose that lasts and is unchanging. Our failings and mistakes are correctable and are able to be controlled and reigned in. The length of our life is not measured from birth to the grave... God offers us so much more than natural existence. When our time runs out, it is only the beginning of our lives.*

We have a much larger base of worthwhile options to choose from. 1COR 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: **7** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: **8** Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. **10** But God hath **revealed them unto us** by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. *God has much bigger things on offer than what the wisdom of this world, limits you to.*

When things go wrong we have a much greater perspective... a much larger portion of our existence is unaffected by the ebb and flow of life events. MAR 10:30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with **persecutions** (with pressures and troubles); and in the world to come eternal life. *We are reminded that God gives us much more than we give up for his service. We are also reminded that serving God also includes levels of persecution... sometimes self inflicted through temptations and sometimes by those who don't agree with our Christianity. A level of faith and dedication is required from us. HEB 13:5* Let your **conversation** (way of life) be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will **never leave thee, nor forsake thee**. **6** So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. *Consistency will bring about great results... we are people who plan for the long term, as we will still be around long after this earth has finished its usefulness. We don't need to overreact when things don't go the way they should as we have so much time and blessing on our side. No matter what happens... God is with us.*

God promises to look after and guide us better than any human is capable of.

JOH 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will **guide** you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

MAT 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? **32** (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have **need** of all these things. **33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. *God knows the future... thus His plans and guidance includes this knowledge.*

We always have a far better future to look forward to... the opposite of accidents, sickness, aging or death.

1PET 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** To an inheritance **incorruptible**, and **undefiled**, and that **fadeth not away**, reserved in heaven for you, **5** Who are kept by the **power of God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. *Your future is guaranteed.*

We will meet our friends again... our families need not be lost forever. 1THE 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. **14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. *Those we love can be ever with us... what a life!! What a view!!*