

“Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.” Psalms 73:24 KJV



Paul the Apostle said, *“And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.”* If death has not been defeated, of what use is faith? God is real and personal to all who believe! Jesus said, *“He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you, ‘All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a*

word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.” I believe the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, the unpardonable sin, is unbelief. Disobedience is unbelief! Knowing is not believing! Unbelief denies what all creation shouts! *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.”* Unbelief denies the written record of the Holy Scriptures which has endured for millennia. *“For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His Truth endureth to all generations. All scripture is given by inspiration of God”* Unbelief denies the faith of the martyrs! *“We also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses.”* Unbelief damns the soul to eternal Hell! *“He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”* Unbelief is a personal conscious choice. *“By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. The fool hath said in his heart, ‘There is no God!’ Those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart.”* Your words are first, thoughts. What you think is who you are. *“As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.”* Are you ready to die if it happens today? Tomorrow? What preparations have you made for eternity? Have you taken a man’s word for it? Or have you searched it out for yourself? Eternity is not something to leave until the last minute! As you drive, will you be killed in a heartbeat with no thought of God in your heart? How many that died yesterday expected to die? What was their “*afterward*?” When Death calls your name, what will be your “*afterward*?”

Ready to go when eternity calls,
Ready to meet the Creator of all,
For we have met, I have trusted His Word,
Forever I’ll be with Jesus my Lord! ~CGP

Do you know Him? Do you love Him? Do you follow Him? (Obey His Word) “*And afterward,*” will you be with Him? Can you say with the Apostle:

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:7-8 KJV