

*"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." Colossians 3:2-4 KJV*



When bear cubs are born they are not born to the light of day. The first time they see daylight is when they emerge from the safety of the den in the spring. Until then, they remain hidden with their hibernating mother. They emerge ready to begin their new life. They live off their mother's milk until she rouses and they all leave the den together. When Christ who is our Life appears, we shall appear with Him ready for a new Eternal life. Our Life is protected from all foes and enemies in Christ. It cannot be lost or taken from us, because He is the keeper of our Life, not us. *"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."* Jesus said, *"I give unto them eternal life... neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."* Our hope is sure, our Life is hid, and our future secure! When He left, Jesus promised, *"In my Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you...I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself."* His Spirit abides with us to constantly reassure us of that Truth with God's Word in our thoughts. Many brides during World War II clung to the hope of seeing their beloved again, which was reinforced with letters from them in the field. Some lost hope and gave their hearts to others, because they sought their own pleasure instead. Like letters from home to a war weary soldier, God's Word refreshes our soul and renews our hope and faith, because we trust in Him and love Him. If we do not love Him, we will not wait for Him to return. *"There is laid up...a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give...unto all them also that love His appearing."* Nothing around us holds any value for us, because our love is not with us yet, but His letters are scented with a Holy fragrance that envelopes our senses and makes our heart yearn for His Blessed Face. They remind us that we are not forgotten and that we are dearly loved. They assure us we will be together in Heaven's eternal rest! We are in a battle as well. A battle for our hearts as we wait. The conflict ends in a glorious triumph as the KING returns to claim His Throne. His letters remind us of the events and signs that point to His arrival. Stay alert and do not be lulled into a false sense of despair by the enemy's incessant temptation. Their aim is to lower our moral and defeat us, but *"We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us!"* Resist Satan's "courtship" by rereading your soul's love "letters" over and over again. Keep the memories of "Home" vibrant in your soul.

Our life is kept in Christ secure,  
And of His Word we can be sure,  
The Vict'ry March is ours we're told,  
His Face, for aye, will Joy unfold. -CGP

Serve your KING with the renewed determination that comes from revisiting the Words written in Love to you. Let their sweet fragrance bathe your senses with thoughts of "Hearth and Home."

*"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away...Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that HE may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon Him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" 1 Peter 5:4-8 KJV*