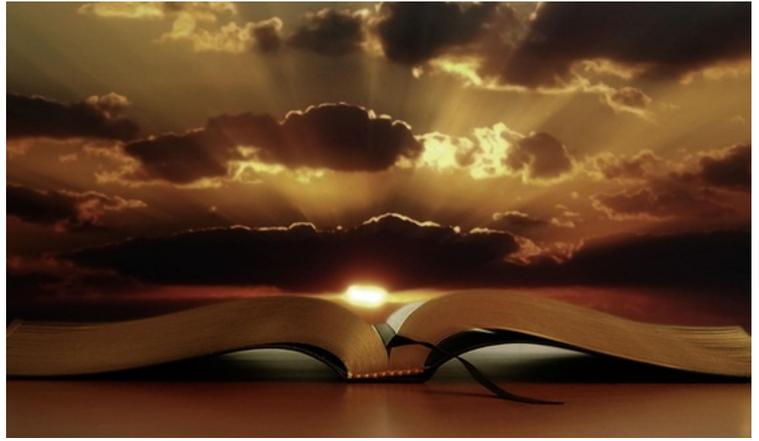


*"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."*  
*1 John 2:17 KJV*



It is God's will we be "like" Him. *"For whom He did foreknow, He also did PREDESTINATE TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON."* God is conforming each believer to the Image of Jesus Christ through obedience to and faith in His Word, but we must first suffer the ignominy of human flesh as He did! Satan has us diddling along in a drudgery of duty when we should be frolicking along in the fanfare of faith. If we would allow ourselves the luxury of faith, and quit measuring everything by the flesh, we might just be able to grasp what God has for us! *"Eye hath NOT seen, NOR ear heard, NEITHER have entered into the heart (thoughts) of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."* The best you can imagine is not even close! We don't really believe it, because if we did, Joy would flow from us! Obedience would be welcome delight, instead of weary duty! Forgiveness and Love are characteristics of our Saviour. Those being transformed into His Image will exhibit His Character. *"The Fruit (that which is produced) of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, [and] Temperance."* These all are attributes of ONE Fruit. When other believers slight or offend me, they rob themselves of Father's Power; love them as an infant still inept; prepare the "milk" of the Word for their consumption that they may grow in the Lord. It is not our place to chastise these babes, *"for whom the Lord Loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."* We receive Christ; He receives us, but *"all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."* This world's vile system will soon perish and be replaced with the Messiah's reign as He rules and reigns from Jerusalem a thousand years before He creates a *"new heaven and a new earth!"* Quit pretending faith and start proving it, because obedience is faith. We, who obey Father, will *"abide [with] pleasures forevermore."*

This world will pass with all its care,  
And those with faith will truly dare,  
To look beyond this earthly time,  
And know wonders of the Divine. ~CGP

Stop grasping at temporal pleasure and claim the reality of eternity with God! Forever is a long, long time and for the believer it has already begun! Get out of the temporal worldly mindset and start rejoicing in the Eternal Joy set before you! You can do nothing without the Word of God *"dwelling in you richly;"* that is in your mind and thoughts. Jesus told us, *"Without me (God's Word made flesh), ye can do nothing, [but] I can do ALL things through Christ."* If your faith is not of, by, and from God's Word, it is worthless! Ask God daily;

*"That He would grant you, according to the Riches of His Glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man (mind/thoughts); That Christ (the Word) may dwell in your hearts (thoughts) by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in Love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the Love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL that we ask or think, according to the Power that worketh in us; Unto Him be Glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Ephesians 3:16-21 KJV*