

Christ's Legacy: The Christian's Inheritance

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
John 14:27 KJV*

A missionary and his wife were travelling by boat from India back to the USA many years ago. Those were the days in the 1800's when missionaries did not return to their homeland except perhaps once in their career. Costs were too high and wages far too low for such "extravagances".

When they came into New York harbour and the ship docked, they watched from the boat while a large band played for a celebrity and his family as they disembarked.

The couple sighed as they realized no one was waving flags for their return from the field. All they could see on the dock were two elderly people they vaguely recognized as the man's brother and wife.

The missionary sought to encourage his wife by saying, "Our journey home does not end here. When we finally come to our eternal harbour the Lord Himself will greet us. Let us be content with that."

Too many people make this world—and what it offers—their heaven, their ultimate reward.

Christians know that the things of this life are unworthy to compare with the glory that shall be ours in the resurrection. Nothing we gain in this life can be taken with us in death—except our reputation.

What we treasure in this life as believers is our relationship with Christ. The knowledge of sins forgiven and peace with God are our greatest treasures as we journey through this life.

The world regards its treasures in terms of material wealth, honour by our fellow creatures, large homes, expensive cars, a fine education, and so on.

The gold that people eagerly seek in this world is depicted as material to pave roads in heaven. The honour we crave from others in this world will soon be forgotten when we

see the Lamb Who is all the glory of Immanuel's land.

Be satisfied in this life to rest comfortably in that peace which passes all understanding. This peace—in the context of sorrow, opposition and physical suffering—steadies us when otherwise we might be in despair.

Hear what Paul said in Romans 8:17

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

The future is ours. Let us patiently wait for the time when we shall come into our full and eternal inheritance.

Present yourself to your Creator today and pledge to live for Him whatever happens in this life. Come to Him and come now.

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