

The Destination And The Journey

Commentary for July 1, 2022 — We Know The Destination, Focus On The Journey

If you are a believer in God and Christ, you already know your ultimate destination for yourself and for every other human being. You will be part of the Kingdom of God. You will be in the presence of God and Christ, and see them in their glory after we are glorified.

Most will be on earth. We who are chosen to know and learn about the Mystery will be in the heavens (all three of them) reconciling the spirits in the celestial (heavenly) realm back to God their Creator and our Father. It will be a formidable responsibility. Old Covenant saints and New Covenant saints (both apart from the Mystery saints), will be on earth and not in heaven, except for education and celebration. There are the different glories pointed out in 1 Corinthians 15:35–49. Read the entire passage, preferably in a modern translation.

Therefore, we are called to focus on our present journey through life, to live our lives, one day at a time, to please God and Christ no matter how humble our situation and our lives may be in our interactions with others who will be glorified as you will be. Simple courtesies and acts of kindness in life to those around us; these are as important to God as are the so-called great gifts of preaching, teaching, and influencing great crowds. Christ has done the most important works of teaching, living, and sacrificing Himself to justify us as sinless before God. Christ is the center of all human history.

The "[July 2022 Newsletter](#)" is 6 pages, longer than usual. It presents a statement by Dr. Martin about biblical and unbiblical teachings, written in May 2001. It introduces the July 2022 article of the timing of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection.

Christ's Death And Resurrection Are The Center of God's Time Plan

We are to live out our lives "**in Christ**" which means we are within the family of God now, to be fully realized after our death at our resurrection to glory.¹ "The Case for a Thursday Crucifixion" explains the theories of the timing and significance of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and how it fulfills the prophecies of Jesus presented in the Gospels. Some may disagree with Dr. Martin's evidence and conclusions, but that is okay. It will engage your thinking about this most important event in human history for you and all humanity. Christ's resurrection example will be your experience of resurrection to glory.

"Now if Christ be [is] preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

• 1 Corinthians 15:12–14

¹ See two Commentaries: "[The Script Is Not Yet Written](#)" and "[Not Divine, Not Yet](#)." Then read my articles, "[Your Resurrection](#)" and "[The End Time? Not Yet!](#)"

“So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

• **1 Corinthians 15:54–57**

The timing of the crucifixion and resurrection are important, as discussed in this month’s reprint article. So too, the reason for these events is important:

“Knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. [Then note carefully the next verse]

For all things are for YOUR sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound [abound] to the glory of God.”

• **2 Corinthians 4:14–15**

The word **“YOUR”** in verse 15 refers to the Corinthian *ekklesia*, but the apostle Paul also wrote to the larger Christian audience of believers in the world and from his time forward.

The Destination Is The Goal, The Journey Is The Process

The “destination” will be reached when we are raised from the dead like Christ was and we are given immortality. The true destination is to be at home with our Father, not in heaven, but on the New Earth (Revelation chapter 21–22:8). That is where God and our elder brother Christ will reside together with every child of Adam. How long that time will last, we do not know. Nor do we know what God will do when He becomes **“all in all”** (1 Corinthians 15:28).

In Frank Thompson’s, *New Chain-Reference Bible*, 1934, public domain 1962, read the verses in “The Walk of Believers” portion with these subject areas.

Love (Ephesians 5:2)	Christlikeness (1 John 2:6)	Faith (2 Corinthians 5:7)
Illumination (1 John 1:7)	Spirituality (Galatians 5:16)	New Life (Romans 6:4, 8:1)
Consistency (Ephesians 4:1)	Caution (Ephesians 5:15; Colossians 2:6)	
Before God (Genesis 17:1; 1 Kings 2:4; 2 Kings 20:3; Psalms 56:13; 116:9)	Walking in Truth (Psalms 26:3; 86:11; 2 John 1:4; 3 John 1:3)	

The “journey” of our life is how we live to the moment we die, which is already determined (see [“Every Breath, Every Heartbeat”](#)). Believers will be rewarded by how we treat others.

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: [Why?] for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.”

• **Psalm 23:4**

This Psalm of David gives comfort because David is a man with a heart for YHWH (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22) who writes of himself as a lamb. Jesus, representing YHWH, as Mediator said He was the shepherd (John 10:1–18), even unto death and resurrection.

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