

Lesson 26
"Longing for home"
Romans 8:18-25
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Read Philippians 3:20-21. Where is our citizenship?

What are we waiting for?

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. How does Peter describe the believer here?

Because of our "status", what are we to not take part in?

What should our conduct be?

Is this for our reputation?

Read 1 John 3:1-2. How do we know that God loves us?

Why doesn't the world know us?

When does John assure us we are God's children?

What will we one day be like?

Read Galatians 5:22-24. Look at the list of characteristics in verses 22-23. All of these are from where?

They reflect the characteristics of whom?

As the Spirit continues to grow these "fruit" in our lives, we are pointed toward Christ. What do we know those who belong to Christ have done, according to verse 24?

We have hope that, one day, we *will* be like Christ, as the Spirit gives us these first fruits that will, one day, be fully realized when Christ completes the work He has begun in us.

Read Revelation 21:4-5. What do we have to look forward to?

What does Christ tell us He will make all things?

Read these verses slowly. Read them out loud. (I'm not kidding.) 1 Corinthians 15:50-55. What will be sounded on the last day?

Will we be the same? (Look at verse 52) What must our perishable bodies put on? What, then, will come to pass? Seriously, if *that* truth that death has *no* victory doesn't increase your joy in the Lord and your love for Him, you need to read those verses again!

As you spend time with God today, thank Him for that longing in your heart that points to Him. Thank Him for reminding you that this world is *not* your home, and assuring you that your home is waiting for you with Him. Thank Him for your sure hope that you have to look forward to with Him for eternity! Praise your Father today!