

CONCORDIA

"Behold, how Good and Pleasant for Brethren to Dwell together in Unity" Ps. 133:1

I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know, that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me. John 17:23

And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that He hath raised up Jesus again. Acts 13:32, 33a

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Meditation

Hid With Christ

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. Col. 3:3, 4

Seek those things which are above!

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth!

Thus the apostle admonishes the Church of Jesus Christ.

No wonder! What else can God's child seek? What other things would he care to seek? His life is no longer of this world. His life is above where Christ is. The things of this earth are no longer his. His are the things of heaven.

Ah, yes, the blush of shame rushes to tint his pallid face as he stands amid this life to make this sublime confession. He realizes but too well that his life is

newal is but begun and is far from being entirely complete. First of all, because they are still in the body of this death. A body still under the dominion of sin and death. It is of the earth earthy. It seems that which is earthly, loves it, longs for it. Although the Spirit of the resurrected Lord has renewed the heart the body still remains untouched until the day of final resurrection.

The new life of the Christian is hid because he still finds his abode in the present world. Never shall the glorious life of the resurrected Christ be able to reveal its full glory while we are on this earth. Here the heavenly is impossible. If the new, heavenly life of the child of God is to be fully revealed this earth must needs pass away and a new heavenly creation

shall appear as children of the King. of flesh and sin. Here it may often seem that we have hoped in vain and that we, too, are as the beasts which perish. But, then yes, then we shall be changed and made like unto the glorious image of Him who is our Lord and our Redeemer. No more than that the sun can burst through the shades of night without enveloping the whole earth in its radiant light, reflecting its glory in placid pools and mirroring streams, changing the appearance of the whole earth; no more can Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, break forth into the night of our sin without changing the image of those, for whom He has come, from glory to glory. Then our life shall no longer be hid, but before the eyes of all the world it shall appear that our life is the life of Him who is the glorious Lord of lords, the Alpha and the Omega. Now we may be destitute and afflicted, then we

shall appear as children of the King.

Eye hath not seen!

Today it is still hid from view! But it shall certainly come and its coming shall be glory; for though now it is hid it is hidden with Christ in God. Our treasured hope lies not on some forsaken shore, nor mingled with the pomp of fading dreams. Our hope, our life, though hidden now from view, is hid with Christ in God and, therefore, is sure, holy, eternal, glorious, unfading and unailing. For He, who is our life, is God Himself, Immanuel, who "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think"

"When I in righteousness at last
Thy glorious face shall see,
When all the weary night is past,
And I awake with Thee
To view the glories that abide,
Then, then I shall be satisfied."

—A. Cammenga



Editorial