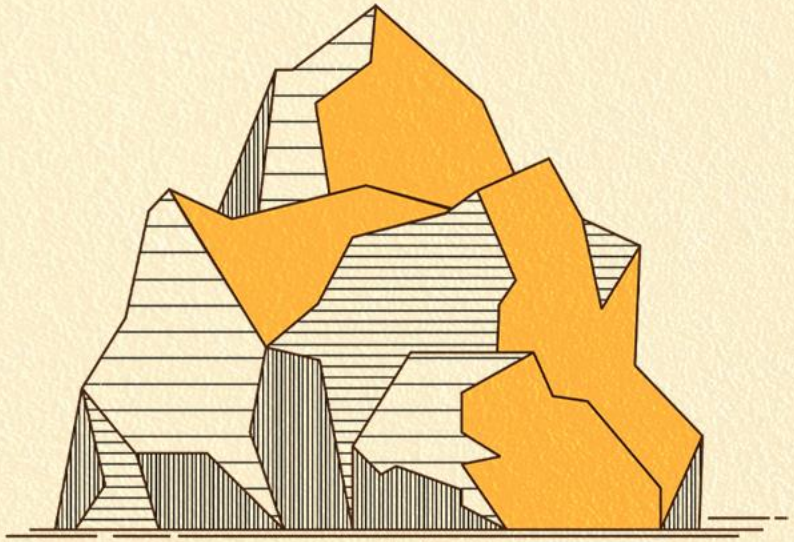

Our Blessed Hope

Titus 2:11-14

Titus 2:11-14 (page 998)

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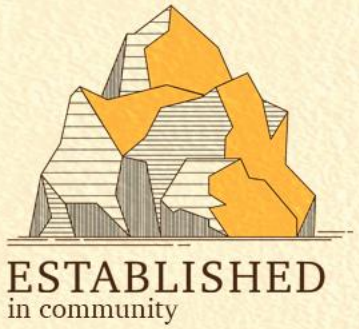

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Romans 6:14

For sin will have no dominion over you, **since** you are not under law but under grace.

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Timothy Keller

“Religion says, ‘I obey; therefore I am accepted.’

The gospel says, ‘I’m accepted [by God through Christ], therefore I obey.’

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Titus 2:12

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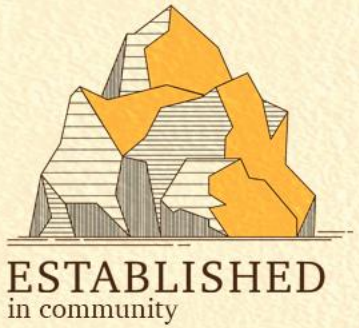

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We are redeemed FOR 3 things. To be…

- Purified for Jesus.
- Possessed by Jesus
- Passionate for good works

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Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (1899-1981)

"The great concern of the New Testament epistles is not about the size of the church; it is about the **purity** of the church."

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Ephesians 5:27

…so that [Christ] might present the church to himself in splendor, **without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.**

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How Are We Purified for Jesus?

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How Are We Purified for Jesus?

1. Through the blood of Jesus

Hebrews 10:22

…how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, **purify our conscience** from dead works to serve the living God.

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How Are We Purified for Jesus?

2. Through faith

Acts 15:9

…and [God] made no distinction between us and them (Jews and Gentiles), having **cleansed their hearts by faith**.

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How Are We Purified for Jesus?

3. Through the Word

Ephesians 5:26

…that [Christ] might sanctify [the church], having **cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,**

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How Are We Purified for Jesus?

4. Through obedience

1 Peter 1:22-23

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

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How Are We Purified for Jesus?

5. Through Confession and repentance

1 John 1:9

If we **confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to **cleanse us** from all unrighteousness.

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How Are We Purified for Jesus?

6. Through trials

Job 23:10

But [God] knows the way that I take; **when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.**

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How Are We Purified for Jesus?

7. Through hope in Christ's return

1 John 3:3

And everyone who thus **hopes in him purifies himself** as he is pure.

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How Are We Purified for Jesus?

1. **The blood of Jesus**
2. **Faith**
3. **The Word**
4. **Obedience**
5. **Confession and repentance**
6. **Trials**
7. **Hope in Christ’s return**

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2 Corinthians 1:22

[God] **set his seal of ownership on us**, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

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- Be an **example** of good deeds (2:7)
- Be **zealous** for good deeds (2:14)
- Be **ready** for every good deed (3:1)
- Be **careful** to engage in good deeds (3:8)
- And **learn** to engage in good deeds (3:14)

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1 Timothy 6:18-19

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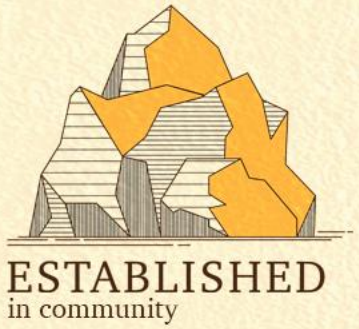
1. Storing up of treasure for yourself
2. Laying a good foundation for your future
3. Taking hold of that which is truly life



Titus 2:13

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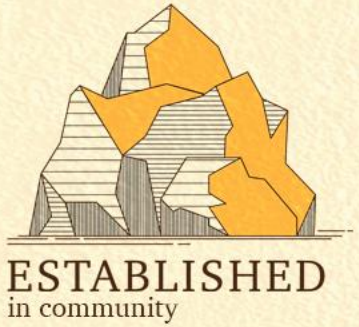
Evidences of Christ's Deity

- His supernatural birth
- His sinless life
- His fulfilment of OT messianic prophecies
- His authority over nature, disease, demons, death
- His prerogative to forgive sins and judge sinners
- His acceptance of worship
- His claims of being God, & all the trinitarian verses
- His universal and enduring impact on the world
- His resurrection from the dead
- His heavenly exaltation to God's right hand



Robert Yarbrough

"This [waiting] is not passivity in the face of a fickle future, but of **dogged confidence** in God and his sure promises, however remote they may seem at times.

Paul describes a waiting that is **proactive**, **alert**, and **expectant**. It is ready to jump in and hasten, if possible, the coming of what it awaits."

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- For every Bible reference related to Christ's 1st coming, there are **eight** references dedicated to his 2nd coming.

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Romans 8:23

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as **we wait eagerly** for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

1 Corinthians 1:7 NASB

…you are not lacking in any gift, as you **eagerly await** the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also **eagerly wait** for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

2 Timothy 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have **loved his appearing**.

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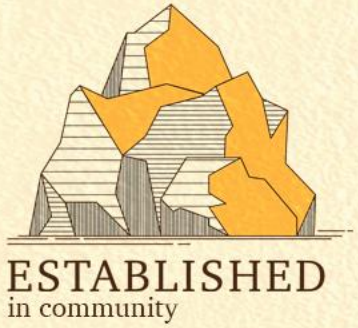
Hebrews 9:28

…so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are **eagerly waiting** for him.

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, **set your hope fully** on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.



A Commanded Obsession

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Matthew 24:48-50

But if that wicked servant says to himself, '**My master is delayed**,' and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know…

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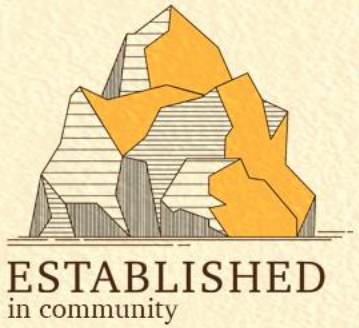
Luke 21:36

But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to **escape** all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.



Matthew 24:36

But concerning that day and hour **no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

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1 Thessalonians 4:18

Therefore **encourage** (or comfort) one another with these words.

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Summary

- Don’t just focus on the mission to this world, but don’t just focus on escaping this world, either.
- Don’t live in fear of the future, but don’t be naive or unprepared for hard times, either.
- Don’t try to date-set Christ’s return, but don’t ignore the signs of the times, either!

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1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to **SERVE** the living and true God, and to **WAIT FOR** his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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Ephesians 2:6-7

[God] raised us up with [Christ] and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show **the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus**.

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Psalm 84:10

For a day in your courts is **better** than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

But Lot's wife
...looked back, and
she became a pillar
of salt.

(Genesis 19:26)

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Elijah, by Rich Mullins

The Jordan is waiting for me to cross through
My heart is aging I can tell
So Lord, I'm begging for one last favor from You
Here's my heart, take it where You will

Well, if they dressed me like a pauper
Or if they dined me like a prince
If they lay me with my fathers
Or if my ashes scatter on the wind, I don't care

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Elijah, by Rich Mullins

But when I leave, I'm gonna go out like Elijah

With a whirlwind to fuel my chariot of fire

And when I look back on the stars

It'll be like a candlelight in Central Park

And it won't break my heart to say goodbye