

Maranatha Mirror Missive



HE WILL MAKE ALL THINGS NEW



Jesus' resurrection was not the end of the story.

The climax lies ahead---very soon ahead,
when Jesus, Lord of the Kingdom, arrives to make all things new.

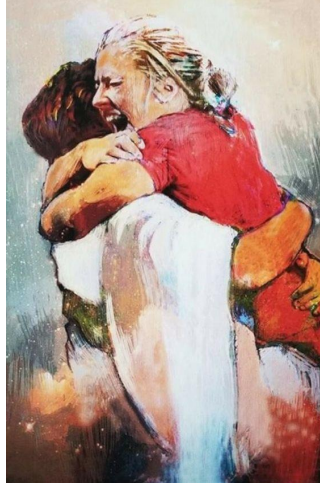
All things.

Our world does not need a repair job.

It needs a death and resurrection.

Death to sickness, pain, greed, deceit, despair, violence, fear and death itself.

A resurrection of meaning, joy, life from God, terrifying glory, burning truth.



*“Come, O blessed of my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!”*

Matthew 25:34

With infinite patience God allows us to live our lives and make our choices.

He Waits

All those who suffer, like Lazarus at the Rich Man’s gate, are marked for the “Lazarus Surprise,” paid for by the blood of the Lamb. (Check out Lazarus in Luke 16)

The rest of us, *somewhere, somehow*, are also drawn to the cross of Jesus and invited to receive God’s forgiveness and walk in it. (John 12)

At the cross we receive power to choose

the Narrow Gate
or the Wide Gate;

the Narrow Road
or the Wide Road.

We choose and re-choose,
moment by moment, day by day,

... until we find our stride and begin to walk the path which is our destiny.



When we choose the Narrow Road,
we walk in the light; we live our lives,
always aware of God.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

I John 1:5-7

To enter the Kingdom prepared for us before the foundation of the world,
we simply walk in the light...

Seeking to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength
and our neighbor as ourselves.

Trusting God for all things.

Serving God wherever he places us.

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Revelation 22:12-13

Prayer.

Holy Lord, we thank you, that you, the Eternal One, waits for us. That you continue to call us to "come" into the perfect, new Kingdom you have prepared. May we always be aware of your waiting, eternal, holy presence. And as we turn towards your waiting presence, may we see the paths that you light for us. Inspire us to find our stride and step forward into the destiny you've chosen for us... serving with joy, loving others, always trusting you for everything and loving you with everything we have.

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