

NOSTALGIC
FOR THE
FUTURE

Scripture Reading:

I Corinthians 2:6-12

INTRODUCTION

Two popular television programs, “American Pickers” and “Antiques Roadshow” cater to the popularity of nostalgic yearnings for pleasant past experiences. Large sums of money are spent on antiques and old oddities in order to rekindle former enjoyable memories.

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- **The NT believer is encouraged to remember a limited and vital list of memories:**
 - **The brethren in prayer - 9x in NT**
 - **The Christian life - I Cor 4:16-17**
 - **The memory of the Lordian table - I Cor 11:24-25**
 - **Past words about future truths - II Pet 3:1-11**

- **The apostle Paul encouraged believers to forget your pre-salvation life (stop looking in the rearview mirror of life), but focus on the future, both near and far**
 - **Phil 3:12-14**
- **Therefore, we continue to look ahead and be fondly nostalgic - not for the past, but for what Scripture says about our future**
 - **Jn 14:1-3 “In my Father’s house...”**
 - **Heb 12:22-23 “...the city of the Living God”**

FUTURE INSTALLMENT OF SALVATION: THE BODY

- Resurrected; changed
 - Immortal
 - Incorruptible
 - Raised in power - I Cor 15:43

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- Similar to Christ's resurrected, glorified human body - I Jn 3:1-3
 - Clothed in a garment of brilliant light
 - OT saints – varying degrees of light garments
 - Dan 12:2-3, cf Heb 11:35
 - NT light garments
 - Only one degree of light – the light of Christ's glorified body - Acts 26:13, I Cor 15:49
 - No limitation of movement or travel - I Thess 4:17, II Pet 3:12-13

CONCLUSION

- **Only a Christian can be nostalgic about the future because we have God's revelation concerning what He has prepared for us!**
 - I Cor 2:9-10 "eye has not seen, nor ear heard..."
- **Beware of doubts and distractions!**
 - The World System will provide distractions from your future
 - This present Evil Age attempt to cause doubts about God's revelation to us - Eph 2:2, cf I Cor 1:20-21