

NOSTALGIC  
FOR THE  
FUTURE (pt 2)

*Scripture Reading:*

**Romans 8: 18-23**

# INTRODUCTION

**Nostalgia usually means a sentimentality for happy associations with the past:**

- **certain smells**
- **sight of material things from the past,**
- **taste of favorite foods from the past,**
- **sounds of music from one's past,**
- **or memories elicited from the touch of snow or the warmth of a fire**

**All these and more can make one nostalgic for the past.**

# INTRODUCTION

- **But only a “born-from-above” believer can be nostalgic for the FUTURE, because of our future-tense salvation is described and promised in His written Word!**

# A Nostalgic Review of Some Aspects of Our Glorified Body

Immortal

Incorruptible

Raised a body of power (no frailty)

A body dominated by our saved spirit

- A body with its soul permanently controlled by our saved spirit
  - Our soul will only interpret the desires that come from our spirit, not from any bodily appetites

# A Body that Shall Bear the Image of the Man from Heaven - the Glorified Christ (I Cor 15: 45-49, cf I Jn 3:2)

Image = visual display

Two levels of image for Christ and NT believer

- **Visual display of character**
  - Christ's display of character of deity - II Cor 4:4
  - Christians ongoing renewal according to the display of Christ's character - Col 3:10
- **Visual display of a glorified body**
  - Christ's display of His glorified body - I Tim 6:16, Acts 26:13
  - NT believer's display of a glorified body- I Cor 15:49, I Jn3:2

# A Body Without Limitation of Movement and Travel

- I Thess 4:17 ESV “Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in (the) clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.”
- II Peter 3:12-13 ESV “<sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

# CONCLUSION

- **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