*Friday, August 31, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Hebrews 10:37-39 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. (38) Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. (39) But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (KJV)

Church, we have been talking this week about looking ahead, and as we can see we are not that far away, rather we just need to hold on a little while longer. We established the fact that the Church can take comfort in the fact that when the time of wrath comes upon this disobedient world we don’t have to go through it. We have a lot to look forward to, something that is comforting to the inner man.

2 Peter 3:10-13 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (11) Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, (12) Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (13) Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. (KJV)

How about a new heaven and a new earth? Well we have both on the way shortly, and I can assure you that it will be a lot better than anything you have experienced in this old worn out fallen realm. Your focus should be looking ahead Church; after all, that is why God put eyes in front of man and not in the back of their head.

Revelation 21:1-4 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. (2) And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (4) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (KJV)

If you have ever noticed that after a fire there is new growth; the fire having burned up the old worn out things. The world we have to look forward to is one of no more tears, sorrow, or any type of pain, which is all passed away.

Isaiah 60:18-21 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. (19) The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. (20) Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. (21) Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. (KJV)

Can you picture a world with no more violence, suffering, pain or sorrow? Well the Lord can, and now He is asking His people to see themselves within His framework. So what do you think Church, do things look better in front of you, or behind you?