

In the Eternal Blaze of Glory

2 Timothy 2:11-13

Introduction:

- A. Think of examples of recognition you received for some kind of achievement.
1. _____
 2. You were in a blaze of glory only m_____
- B. 2 Timothy 10b states that along with our salvation we will attain eternal glory. The “trustworthy saying” in verses 11-13 explain it.
1. The faithful saying or trustworthy statement is something familiar to believers of that day and so was something they recited in word or in s_____.
 2. The faithful saying declares the eternal glory believers will enjoy.

We will forever live with Christ (11)

- A. The idea of dying with Christ and living with Him is throughout scripture (e.g. Rom 6:6-8; Gal 2:20; 1 Thess 5:10)
1. The assumption in verse 11 - we have died with Christ. How could we have died with Christ when He died long before we were b_____?
 - a. Before coming to Christ, God viewed us as c_____ by our sin (Jn 3:17,18)
 - b. When accepting Christ, God e_____ our non-Christian past (Jer 31:34; 2 Cor 5:17)
 - c. God no longer sees us independently of Christ (we are IN Christ) and therefore we have a new h_____ – when Christ died, we died.
 2. The promise in verse 11 – we will live with Him
 - a. Believers are already living with Christ in a s_____ sense (Eph 2:5).
 - b. This is a promise of something yet f_____ and so must refer to physically living with Him.
 - 1) Jesus is physically in h_____ (Eph 1:20)
 - 2) We will be physically with Jesus at His r_____ (1 Thess 4:16,17)
- B. Think how exhilarating it will be to see Jesus face to face. It will be an eternal blaze of glory.
1. When temptations, trials, and heartaches come at you, think of the g_____ to come.
 2. Our life on earth is a microscopic d_____ compared to the eternal glory we will share in.

We will forever reign with Christ (12)

- A. The assumption – if we e_____
1. This is in a Greek tense that emphasizes a l_____ of enduring.
 2. The test of one's Christianity is not what you say, but how you live. What will be said on that final day.
 - a. If we deny Christ
 - 1) This is not talking about instances of denial, like P_____ 's three time denial of Christ
 - 2) The Greek text has the word in the f_____ tense and refers to judgment day.
 - b. He will deny us - On judgment day, an unbeliever's life will be summed up in two words – d_____ Christ and a believer's life will be summed up in one – e_____.
- B. The promise – we will r_____ with Jesus.
1. Rev 5:9,10 – Believers will reign on the e_____ with Christ
 - a. Rev 20:6 – Believers will reign on the present earth for _____ years.
 - b. It will be a peaceful reign (Rev 2:26,27).
 - c. S_____ will be chained so he cannot deceive the nations (Rev 20:3)
 - d. It will end with Satan's release and a world-wide rebellion that is instantly consumed by f_____ (Rev 20:7-9)
 - e. Rev 22:5 – Believers will reign on the new earth for_____.
 2. We cannot escape the hardships of life
 - a. E_____ them as they are only temporary.
 - b. If you fail, r_____ and depend upon Christ's power to move on.
 - c. Know that the time is nearer than before when we will reign with Christ.

Conclusion -The trustworthy saying ends with a comforting word: even if we are faithless, Jesus will always be faithful.

- A. Christ's faithfulness is to His word
1. He cannot l_____
 2. He can change His mind for the b_____ as He did with the people of Ninevah (Jonah 3,4)
- B. We can fully trust that we will live and reign with Christ forever!