



A PROMISING PARADOX

**For to me, to live is Christ and
to die is gain.**

Philippians 1:21



Death is not the end of all that matters; death is the moment you receive all that you lived for.





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Already Not Yet

The Christian life is lived in this dynamic middle – between what is already ours in Christ and what has not yet been fully realized in glory.



In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7



The promise of this paradox is that our future hope is already a present reality through faith in Christ.



**You have received the Spirit of
adoption as sons, by whom we
cry, "Abba! Father!"**

Romans 8:15



...we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:23



**The Christian is presently (*already*)
enjoying the legal and relational
status of being a child of God. We
have been justified through Christ
and affirmed by the Holy Spirit.**



The Christian is still looking ahead (*not yet*) to the full demonstration of that adoption when our bodies are redeemed and physically conformed into the glorious image of Christ.



...you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14



**But now Christ has been raised from
the dead, the first fruits of those who
are asleep.**

1 Corinthians 15:20



Christ's resurrection and the gift of the Spirit mean that the future has already begun.



The resurrection was no longer merely a future hope; it had already broken into history through Jesus Christ. The age to come has begun.



**Having been justified by faith, we
have peace with God through our
Lord Jesus Christ.**

Romans 5:1



We are already children of God.



**What is already ours through faith in
Christ will one day be fully realized
by sight.**



**This powerful and beautiful paradox
promises that everything God has
begun in us by His grace will one day
be completed in His glory.**



Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning.

Psalms 30:5



Live with the confidence and assurance that because you are in Christ today, you will one day stand with Christ in glory.





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