

Philippians 3:10-11, 20-21 Glorious Transformation

Introduction:

A “calendar Christian” is a Christian who celebrates the life of Christ according to certain dates on the calendar. I must confess that I’m not a ‘calendar Christian.’ For example Christmas, known as the birth of Christ, remembering Christ’ and His birth in the month of December; or let’s take the passion week beginning with palm Sunday, followed by good Friday and Easter; remembering Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the day of His death, burial and resurrection.

I’m not a calendar Christian, to name one reason, because it limits our thinking regarding the person and work of Christ. The whole of the gospel beginning with the incarnation, baptism, death, burial and resurrection should permeate our thinking always, not just on certain days set aside as “holy days.”

We commemorate Jesus’ atoning death, burial, and resurrection every Lord’s Day, the first day of the week as the early church did. (Luke 24:1; John 20:1,19; 20:18; Acts 20:7, 18; I Cor. 16:2)

I. The Transforming Power of the New Birth

A. Historical facts of Christ’s resurrection

1. Our new birth experience – Rom. 6:4,5; I Pet. 1:3
2. Our new birth results from God’s Sovereign election – John 6:37,44; 3:7,8
3. Our new birth empowered by the Spirit and Christ – Rom. 8:11; John 10:16-18

B. Christians are Resurrected People:

1. Paul refers to the physical resurrection of Christ – v.10
2. Paul refers to our resurrection “out of the dead” –v.11 (Gal. 2:20)

C. Living among the dead – Eph. 2:1; Rom. 1:16

II. The Transforming Power of the Body – v.20-21

A. The Blessed hope – Titus 2:13; I Pet. 1:3

B. Our Names registered in heaven –v.20

1. Pilgrims and strangers – Heb. 11:8-16
2. Our politics is in heaven – “citizenship” Gk. “Politeuma” (Rev. 20:15; 21:27)

C. Heavenly Transformation –v. 21

1. Christ’s transformed body – v. John 20:19-31
2. Our transformed body – I Cor. 15:40-44

Conclusion:

God’s ultimate purpose:

1. ***To redeem our bodies conformed to the glory of Christ – Gk. “morphos” (having the same form) Rom. 8:29; I John 3:2)***
2. ***To transform the creation and all its fullness – Rom. 8:21***
3. ***To redeem each believer unto perfect and eternal fellowship with the triune God – Rev. 21:3; 22:3-4***

