

“For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (vs 24-25)

- “We _____ saved, we _____ saved and we _____ saved.”

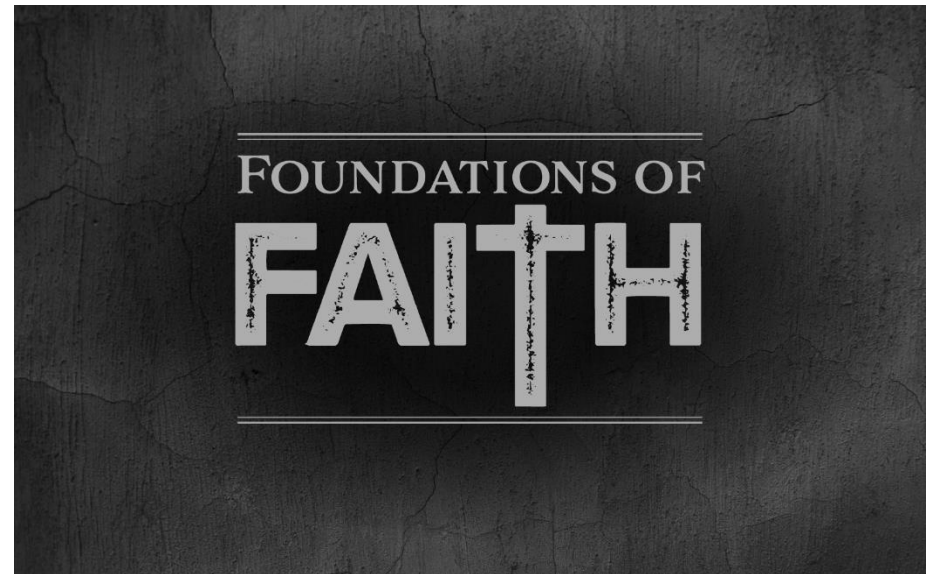
The Holy Spirit:

1. _____ us that what we’re hoping for will actually come to be realized.
2. Fills us with _____ and _____ as we wait patiently.

How we wait patiently:

1. Keep our eyes on _____.
2. Live _____ lives.
3. Live and speak in a way that _____ to God’s vision for the age to come

We don’t know exactly what things are going to be like when Christ returns, but one thing I’m sure of is that you won’t want to miss it.



The Age to Come

The fundament message of Scripture when it comes to eternity is there is _____ after _____ and you don’t want to miss it!

The Greek Concept of Reality: _____ vs _____

Earth = Physical Heaven and Hell = Spiritual

The goal is to escape from the _____.

The Jewish Conception: “This _____” and the “_____ to _____.”

The difference:

This Present Age is subject to _____ and _____.

The Age to Come is _____.

The Age to Come is one of _____. (Isaiah 11:6-9)

Scripture: Romans 8:18-25

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that will be reveal in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.” (vs 18-19)

Two times the Bible talks about eternity:

1. To warn us of judgment.
 2. To encourage those who are _____.
- Paul’s theology: This present age is _____, the next is _____.

“For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it...” (vs 20)

- Who frustrated creation? _____. (but it was _____ fault)
- We pay the price through our _____ to _____.

“...in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.” (vs 21)

- _____ is when creation gets restored to what it was before the fall.

A Warning:

We still have the _____ mandate to “subdue” and “rule over” creation. (Gen 1:28)

- Agricultural practices
- Human _____
- Mediating _____ like family, church, government.

Because of sin, our ability to fulfill this mandate is _____, so...

..._____ do not bring about this liberation, _____ does.

All human efforts to bring about _____ have ended in tragedy.

We are called to model a different way that _____ _____ to the coming Kingdom of God and the age to come when Jesus returns

“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” (vs 22)

- Our current _____ will be insignificant compared to the _____ to be revealed.

“Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.” (vs 23)

- The pain we feel now is the sign that God is _____ _____ to something new.