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From Lead Pastor Greg & Becky Copley To You:



As faithful Christians we have a great and wonderful inheritance that is waiting for us. We cannot even begin to imagine how wonderful it's going to be. *"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him"* (1 Corinthians 2:9). We have *"an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you"* *"And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away"* (1 Peter 1:4, 5:4)

Today we have *"the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding"* (Philippians 4:7). *"By which have been given to us exceeding great and precious promise that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature"* (2 Peter 1:4)

We must not become complacent and neglect our salvation. Any burden we now bear doesn't even begin to compare to our great reward that is reserved for us. *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at things which are not seen"* (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Those of us who are in Christ must continue to diligently serve the Lord. Let's serve the Lord with gladness and joy by obeying His every command. Jesus says, *"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."* (Matthew 11:28-30)

In doing this we should *"be even more diligent to make your call and election sure"* (2 Peter 1:10). *"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering"* (Hebrews 10:23). Jesus promises, *"Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of Life"* (Revelation 2:10).



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