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OUR HOPE FOR PEACE

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In a world always facing turmoil, wars, and rumor of wars, there is a longing among God's people for a place where there is rest and peace. Of course, that is presently found in a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, but the expectant hope is realized in the Lord's presence eternally. Heaven holds such wonderful prospects and so much to get excited about. Among its countless blessings, Heaven will provide final and lasting peace.

Towards the end of His ministry, Jesus told the disciples that He would leave them through death. Sensing how unsettling that prospect was for the disciples, Jesus changes their perspective about the present with comforting thoughts about their future life and residence in Heaven. He says this in John 14:1-3.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Jesus reassures that the peace soon to be realized in Heaven should help relieve some of the current pressures. What an incredible and impacting thought, one that has double benefits! The peace believers will soon realize can begin to fall from Heaven like refreshing rain to help wash away the troubled feelings of present troubles.

Such thoughts are pleasant now, but let's go further to consider the peaceful life and rest coming to the believer. Just about every characterization we have of God's Paradise is one of comfort, peace, and rest. And one of the reasons for that is the absence of sin. We're soon to enter through a door to a country never touched or influenced by sin and its consequences. Is that not the longing of every believer?

I am so looking forward to not looking over my shoulder for dangers that might be lurking there. I long for the time when I no longer have to close my eyes from what they might see or cover my ears from that which could be heard. I have a sanctified desire growing inside that reaches out for a holy, pure, and peaceful culture. And soon, very soon, desire will give way to a new reality that only God can provide, and that will be in His presence.

Imagine having a dwelling place that needs no locks and walking down the golden street without fear of evil. We'll never be terrified of the new person we meet because we're all family. Every moment will be lived out with fullness of joy and contentment. And greatest of all will be the peace we will realize with God. Our sin paid for, our guilt gone, our nature changed, and our bodies sanctified and glorified because the Father, in Christ, has justified us.

Yes, we face a troubling world right now, but our hope lies not in the calm this realm occasionally provides. It lies in Christ and His promise of Heaven. Let this be our hope for peace.

VAFWB ON THE CALENDAR

- MARCH 12: John Wheeler, Northeastern Conference at Macedonia FWB Church, Saltville.
- MARCH 18-19: Northern Virginia Men's Retreat at Rapidan Baptist Camp
- MARCH 20: PR Director, AM Service, First FWB Church, Richmond
- MARCH 27: GO Training at Great Bridge FWB Church
- MARCH 30: PR Director, Pulpit Revival Service, Hope FWB Church, Plymouth, NC
- APRIL 3-6: PR Director, Forgiveness Conference, FWB Church of Roanoke
- APRIL 8: Southwest Virginia Minister's Conference, Central FWB Church, Norton, VA
- APRIL 9: East Wise Quarterly Conference
- APRIL 10 (Palm Sunday): PR Director, AM Service, First FWB Church, Richmond
- APRIL 17 (Easter): PR Director, AM Service, First FWB Church, Richmond
- APRIL 24-27: PR Director, Forgiveness Conference, Woodland Heights FWB Church, Martinsville
- APRIL 29: John Wheeler Annual Association Meeting
- MAY 1: PR Director, AM Service and Baby Dedication, Faith FWB Church, Wytheville
- MAY 2: Tidewater Minister's Conference, Providence FWB Church, Hampton
- MAY 7: Northern Virginia Conference
- MAY 28: Southwest Virginia, West Wise Conference
- JUNE 11: John Wheeler, Northeast Quarterly Conference, PR Director Conducting Sunday School Seminars
- JUNE 12: PR Director, AM Service, Faith FWB Church, Wytheville
- JUNE 16-17: Virginia State Association Meeting, New London Church, Forest, VA
- JUNE 26-JULY 2: Northern Virginia Conference Youth Camp

NORVA MEN'S RETREAT

Contact Paul Collins at 331 Vine St., Harrisonburg, VA 22802
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Speaker: Rev. Jim McComas
Director, FWB Family Ministries

\$75.00

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NEW LONDON CHURCH

Dedication of New Church Building



The King of Kings FWB Church is now New London Church, and the dedication of the new building took place on March 4, 2022. Pastor Brandon Baber provided a fascinating history of the church, dating all the way back to the 1850's. The sanctuary was packed as well as the parking lots. Pastor Baber also baptized 11 at the conclusion of the service. What a wonderful day of celebration!

