

When I Get Where I'm
Going

“...Your Kingdom come, Your will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.”

God created humans to be kings and priests in the perfect world that He created. We reflect His image in this world.

Humans forfeited our vocation (purpose)
to an enemy bent on destroying God's
good creation.

Theme of the Old Testament: Sin leads to slavery and eventually to exile.

Mystery of the gospel: Jesus came not just as Israel's Messiah, but as the Savior for the entire world.

Eternal Life is not: Life after death in a place far away. Eternal Life is to know God and to know His Son.

God is not scrapping His creation
because there is a better place for
humans.

The message of Jesus was not about getting off of this earth to go to a “better place.” The message of Jesus was about living as citizens of a different kingdom right NOW.

Paul taught that the current creation is tied to the new creation.

Romans 8

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Glory describes the majesty and honor that is due to a king that rules well. That glory will be seen in followers of Jesus.

Romans 8

20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

When humans are put right,
creation will be put right

John 14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

“Rooms” does not mean “a home where you go and live forever.” It means “a lodging house, a place where you stay awhile & are refreshed until it’s time to continue your journey.”

What do we do in the
meantime? Groan.

Romans 8

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. (the creation groans) 23 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. (the church groans)

Romans 8

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

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. (The Spirit groans)

3 concentric circles of groaning

- 1) The world groans
- 2) The church groans
- 3) The Spirit groans

Romans 8

27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

4 observations

The inheritance of God's people is not Heaven, it's not a strip of land in the Middle East, the whole world is God's holy land.

4 observations

Jesus followers will enjoy the good of
God's creation forever. Plant a tree.

4 observations

You are not alone as you Pray for God's
Kingdom

4 observations

If that doesn't light your fire, your wood
is wet.