

not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). A brighter day is coming when words such as *sighing*, *death*, and *tears* will all be obsolete.

So don't be downhearted, beloved child of God. Keep looking up! —
Richard De Haan

*God's tomorrow is a day of gladness,
And its joys shall never fade;
No more weeping, no more sense of sadness,
No more foes to make afraid. —Ackley*

Heaven—no pain, no night, no death, no tears.



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Obsolete

The ransomed of the Lord . . . shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. —Isaiah 35:10

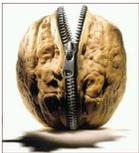


Pastor and author Joseph Parker (1830-1902) commented about the closing words of Isaiah 35:10, "Sorrow and sighing shall flee away." He said, "Looking through the dictionary, you will occasionally come across a word marked 'obsolete.' The time is coming when the two words *sorrow* and *sighing* shall be obsolete. The things

which mar life here and now will then belong to the past."

Human existence has been marked by tragedy, heartache, disappointment, and evil. It's comforting to know that the time is coming when sorrow and death will pass away, and God Himself will wipe all tears from our eyes. Then we will experience the truth that "the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

Are you burdened today by some seemingly insurmountable problem? Are you lonely, heartbroken, and disappointed? If you are a child of God, dwell on this reassuring thought: "The sufferings of this present time are



Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

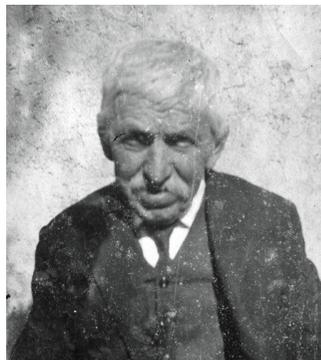
Blessings in the Spirit

In Romans 8 Paul describes the Christian life (life in the Spirit) as having three blessings to enjoy (more next time):

1. New _____, 7:21, 24, 25, 8:1, 12-13

(Romans 8:12) *So, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation whatsoever to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. [paraphrase]*

(Romans 8:13) *For if you keep on following it, you will perish. But if through the power of the Holy Spirit you turn from it and its evil deeds, you will live. [paraphrase]*



(1 John 1:9) *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*



2. New _____, 8:14-15

(Hebrews 2:14-15) *"... him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, [15] and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."*

(1 Peter 1:22) *"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,"*

(1 John 3:16) *"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought*



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to lay down our lives for the brethren."

3. Final _____, 8:17-22

(Hebrews 1:2) *"has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;"*

(Titus 3:7) *"that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."*

(Revelation 21:3) *"And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.'"*

(1 John 3:2) *"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."*

(Genesis 3:17) *"Then to Adam He said, 'Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': 'Cursed is the ground for your sake;'"*

