

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." 1John 2:17

It is God's will that we be like Him. He is in the process of conforming each believer to the image of Jesus Christ. Like Christ, we must first suffer the ignominy of human flesh and mortality, and then be given a new glorified body that will be immortal. If we would allow ourselves the luxury of faith for a moment, and quit measuring everything by physical standards we might just be able to grasp the wonder of just what God has in store for us. Satan has us diddling along in a drudgery of duty when we could frolicking in the fanfare of faith. The trouble is; we don't really



believe it. If we did, our countenance would cease to droop and our Joy would be brimming over in an effervescent flow. Obedience would become a welcome reward instead of a weary requirement. Forgiveness and Love are marked characteristics of our Saviour, and those being truly transformed into His image will exhibit the same. When a fellow believer yields to the flesh and slights or offends me, they are to be pitied more than anything, because they are robbing themselves of the pleasure of the Father's will and power. I can love them as one would love an infant that is still inept at caring for itself. We must prepare the "milk" of the Word for their consumption that they may grow in strength and fear and knowledge of the Lord. It is not our place to chastise the "babes in Christ," rather, the Father will determine the appropriate time and place of their lessons. This world's vile system will soon perish and be replaced by the Messiah's reign of peace and righteousness. We who do the will of the Father will "*abide for ever*" in His presence and pleasures. It's time to quit pretending we have faith and really start to practice the Presence of God.

This world will pass with all its care,
And those with faith will truly dare,
To look beyond this earthly time,
And know wonders of the Divine. ~CGP

We need to stop grasping for temporal pleasure and begin grasping the reality of eternity with God. Forever is a long, long time!

"May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Ephesians 3:18-21