

## **Endurance is an Excitement about our Future**

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- A. Our future must not be confused with our present experience.
  - 1. The present realities have no promise for our future.  
2 Peter 3:10-13      1 John 2:17
  - 2. The present realities have no relationship to our future.  
Matthew 5:3-12      Matthew 19:27-30
  - 3. The present realities must be put in proper context.  
2 Corinthians 4:14-18      Colossians 3:1-4  
1 Corinthians 15:58      Galatians 6:9
- B. Our future is about a confident expectation of what God has promised.      1 Thessalonians 1:3
  - 1. God has promised us a prize or reward to strive for.  
1 Corinthians 9:27      1 Corinthians 3:12-14  
Hebrews 10:34-39
  - 2. God has promised us glory, power and honor.  
2 Timothy 2:12      Romans 2:6-7
  - 3. God has promised us name recognition/significance.  
Jesus' last words to us are quite clear...  
Revelation 2:7, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7