



## *Sons of God*

There are times when eternity seems to be so close. For our family, recently has been one of those times. We made an emergency trip to TN to see my grandfather, whose health has deteriorated over the last few months rather rapidly. He's 88 and has lived a long, hard-working life. As I write this newsletter, I'm sitting next to his bed, thinking about the past, the present, and the future. When I say future, I mean near future as well as into eternity.

At this moment, I'm not sure how long Grandad will be with us, and it makes me think about all these things. It makes you think about what's really important in life and what moments you treasure when you're about to close your time in this world. It makes you look forward to a time where there will be no more goodbyes, no more pain or suffering, no more old age. A time where we'll never run out of time to do the things we love to do with our loved ones. In the here and now, we can only imagine such a time through faith. But

in God's word, this has been promised to those who have given themselves to Him and have overcome. Revelation 21 is a good chapter of the Bible to read if you're seeking that better land. A place where God Himself will personally wipe away your tears and call you His son.

We are given a chance to be citizens of that world even now. To start our journey there and to begin living the life of a heavenly citizen, or a son of God, if you will. "And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:6-8)

Now, you might say that you're not fit for this country because you fit the description of some of the people mentioned in verse 8 of that same chapter that are bound for the lake of fire. You might doubt your ability to be such a person as could be called a son of God. But be of good cheer! We can receive Christ, and by accepting Him and believing in Him, we will be given power to become sons of God, purely by having faith (John 1:12). We receive power by having faith. Without Christ, we can do nothing. Not the first good thing. Good works are part of the Christian experience, without which you have no Christian experience. But for the Christian, they are wrought through faith, and the power to accomplish the works comes from God when we look to Him in faith, giving us the ability to overcome. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth Him also that is begotten of Him. By this, we know that we love the children of God when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:1-5)

Let these words encourage you as you think on the fragility of life and see the curse of death all around. Look to Jesus and conquer in His might and power, looking forward to the time when we can take our rest in that heavenly Canaan with no more battles with death, and we will walk with our Savior.

Keep us in your prayers that, as we and other AWA missionaries share our hope with others in Alaska and the world, they lay their faith on Jesus and His sacrifice and receive power to become sons of God.



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