

The Best Christmas Ever
Christ Our Future
Romans 8:18-27

Many of us grew up hearing, "Anything worth having is worth waiting for." Somehow that seemingly timeless truth has gotten lost in our society. A lack of patience with regard to careers creates much movement in the job market. A lack of patience applied to our consumerism has created out-of-control debt not just for our nation but for our individual families as well.

1. Christ empowers our future expectations.
2. Christ encourages our future perseverance.
3. Christ enlightens our future circumstances.

The Father knows us inside and out. He knows what makes us tick. He knows our likes and dislikes. He knows our needs and our wants. He has our best interests at heart and even though in this life we will experience disappointment, He will never disappoint us or be the source of that disappointment. We must simply live out this life, patiently in his will, learning how to fall in love with him every day.

For further consideration:

I know that that while we live life here, we must live through the challenges of uncertainty, trials, sorrow, and heartache. We will have to deal with stress, doubt, fear, and anxiety. But in the midst of all of that, there are two other verses in Romans 8 that might be helpful for us as we wrap up our time together in 2023. Romans 8:1 promises us that "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk in the flesh, but according to the Spirit." The other verse is Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." All things, no matter how difficult or trying they might be, all things fall under the providence of God and because of that we can trust Christ with our future. Consider memorizing these two verses so that you might draw strength from them in the year to come.