

2020 Vision Part 2  
The Future  
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- Your Future
- Hope of the Gospel
- The Gospel is for today!
- And Tomorrow!
- The secret of your future success is in your daily routine
- I believe that when you get involved with God he gets involved with you
- “You build my house and I’ll build yours”

*Col. 1:19-23 (NIV) For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

*Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.*

Your Future:

1st) Your Future is filled with **JESUS**.

*Col. 1:19 (NIV) 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,*

- Jesus plus nothing equals everything

4 Thoughts about your Future

A) God knows **EVERYTHING** that will happen.

- In Jesus!

*Hebrews 4:13 (NIV) “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.*

*Psalms 139:16 (TLB) You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!*

B) God's plan for my future is **GOOD**.

*Jer. 29:11(NIV) "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." IN MY SHOWER STORY*

C) God's plan for your future must be both **TRUSTED** and **OBEYED**.

- God's giving me a free choice.

*Deuteronomy 30:19 (TLB) "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!"*

D) God will be **WITH ME** every step of the way.

*Josh. 1:9 (NLT) This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

*Isaiah 41:10 (NLT) Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.*

- God made you to be connected to Him.
- Fear is a misunderstanding of who God is and what He's promised.

2nd) Your Future is filled with **FREEDOM**.

*Col. 1:21 (NIV) Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.*

*Gen. 2:25 (NLT) Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame*

- Naked and unashamed
- A Fraud
- The struggle is real
- Alienation or
- Rebellion as enemies or
- Evil behavior
- Therapeutic
- Or Needing Therapy
- We're haunted by the reality that what is temporary cannot fulfilled what is eternal
- My soul finds no rest until it rests in Jesus
- Where ever you are there you are
- You can't run from yourself

*Col. 1:22 (NIV) But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—*

- The solution is reconciliation in Jesus

#### 4 Realities:

A - Realize God loves you **UNCONDITIONALLY**.

*Jer. 31:3 (NIV) I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness*

B - Realize that God is **WORKING** for my good.

- You'll find what you're looking for

*Romans 8:28 (NIV) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

- Where in my daily routine can I be aware of God's Glory?

C - Realize that happiness and contentment come from God **ALONE**.

*Romans 15:13 (NIV) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

D - Realize that God gives you **GRACE**

*Romans 5:20 (NIV) The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more*

- The message Jesus brought to us was not about becoming a better person on the outside - it was about becoming a new person on the inside
- *Contentment*

*Phil. 4:11b (NIV) I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*

3rd) Your Future is filled with **HOPE**.

*Col. 1:23 (NIV) if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.*

#### 4 Decisions that shape your future:

A - The Decision to **BELIEVE** God's word.

*Psalms 119:49 (NIV) Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope.*

*Psalms 119:105 (NIV) Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

*Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

B - The Decision to continue to **LEARN**.

*Is. 1:17a (NIV) Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed*

*2 Tim. 2:15 (NIV) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

C - The Decision to find the **PROBLEM** you've been assigned to **SOLVE**

- You'll be rewarded by the problems you solve for others
- You are the solution to someone's problem
- Make sure you solved the problem to which you've been assigned and not become a problem for others - that's when you lose your reward!
- How do you recognize your present divine assignment?
- You simply develop a close walk with Jesus and ask him to show you
- Have a place to meet
- Have a time to meet
- Have a plan when you meet

D - The Decision to **LISTEN** to hear the whisper of God.

*John 16:13 (NIV) But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.*

*John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

- Ask questions