

**“For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (vs 24-25)**

- “We \_\_\_\_\_ saved, we \_\_\_\_\_ saved and we \_\_\_\_\_ saved.”

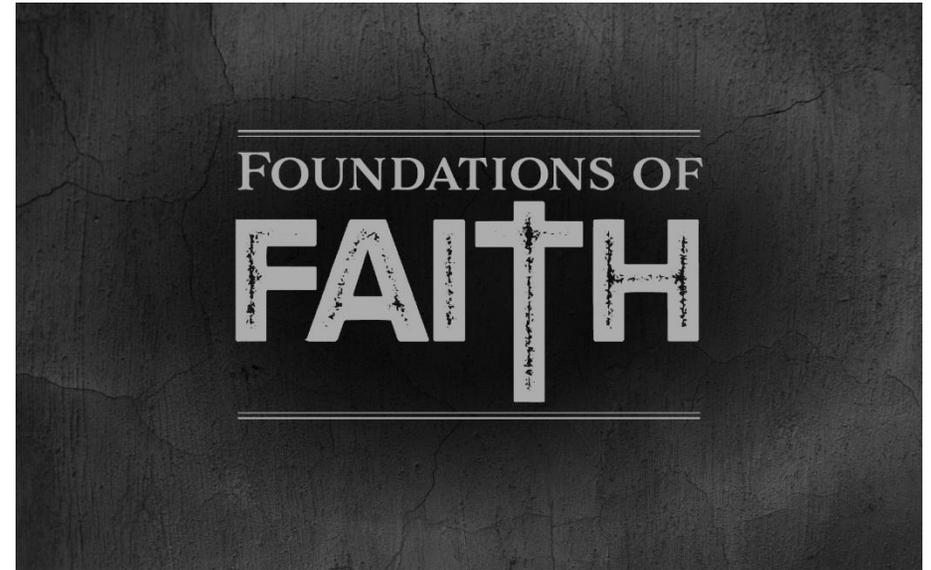
### **The Holy Spirit:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ us that what we’re hoping for will actually come to be realized.
2. Fills us with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as we wait patiently.

### **How we wait patiently:**

1. Keep our eyes on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Live \_\_\_\_\_ lives.
3. Live and speak in a way that \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s vision for the age to come

We don’t know exactly what things are going to be like when Christ returns, but one thing I’m sure of is that you won’t want to miss it.



## **The Age to Come**

The fundament message of Scripture when it comes to eternity is there is \_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_ and you don’t want to miss it!

**The Greek Concept of Reality:** \_\_\_\_\_ vs \_\_\_\_\_

Earth = Physical    Heaven and Hell = Spiritual

The goal is to escape from the \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Jewish Conception:** “This \_\_\_\_\_” and the “\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.”

### The difference:

This Present Age is subject to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The Age to Come is \_\_\_\_\_.

The Age to Come is one of \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 11:6-9)

### Scripture: Romans 8:18-25

**“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that will be reveal in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.” (vs 18-19)**

Two times the Bible talks about eternity:

1. To warn us of judgment.
  2. To encourage those who are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul’s theology: This present age is \_\_\_\_\_, the next is \_\_\_\_\_.

**“For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it...” (vs 20)**

- Who frustrated creation? \_\_\_\_\_. (but it was \_\_\_\_\_ fault)
- We pay the price through our \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**“...in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.” (vs 21)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ is when creation gets restored to what it was before the fall.

### A Warning:

We still have the \_\_\_\_\_ mandate to “subdue” and “rule over” creation. (Gen 1:28)

- Agricultural practices
- Human \_\_\_\_\_
- Mediating \_\_\_\_\_ like family, church, government.

Because of sin, our ability to fulfill this mandate is \_\_\_\_\_, so...

...\_\_\_\_\_ do not bring about this liberation, \_\_\_\_\_ does.

All human efforts to bring about \_\_\_\_\_ have ended in tragedy.

We are called to model a different way that \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to the coming Kingdom of God and the age to come when Jesus returns

**“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” (vs 22)**

- Our current \_\_\_\_\_ will be insignificant compared to the \_\_\_\_\_ to be revealed.

**“Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.” (vs 23)**

- The pain we feel now is the sign that God is \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to something new.