To Whom Do You Belong?

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Are you ever asked, “Where do you go to church?” or “What religion are you?” Jacob knew when he and his family met his brother Esau, after being estranged for twenty years that Esau would ask the question, “To whom do you belong, and where are you going?” (Gen. 32:17)? What would you answer if you were asked that question in your workplace, at school, or when you are with friends? Would you be able to say you belong to Jesus Christ and that you are going to heaven?

As Christians, there is an assurance of eternal life and reward if we believe on the Son of God and continue to walk in the light as He is in the light (1 Jn. 5:13; 1:7). We are promised that we will abide forever if we as Christians do “the will of God” (1 Jn. 2:17).

The Bible often compares this life to a journey, pilgrimage, or sojourn (1 Pet. 2:11; Heb. 11:13; Job 19:15; Ps. 119:54). A journey or pilgrimage has an end. The end of our journey will occur when we die (Heb. 9:27). After death our finite journey will end and will be followed by a judgment. At the point of our death our finite journey becomes our infinite eternity. Life is limited though it may seem long while it is being lived. As hard as times may get in this life, the hard times for the Christian will end. As disappointed and as discouraged as we may be, it is terminal and finite just as is this pilgrimage. Christians living productive lives know to whom they belong and have their destiny well defined.

Everything we do in this life should be focused on the infinite reward we will enjoy because of the gift of our Savior Jesus Christ. To be partakers in that infinite measure of His love and to be continually washed in His precious blood, we must forgo the lusts and darkness with which this worldly pilgrimage is filled. Satan would like nothing more than for us to live this life as if there is no tomorrow. He loves for us to not think about the infinite, rather his desire is for us to think only on the finite pleasures of this world and partake in them. But by doing so we become Satan’s and are certainly headed for a place of eternal fire and destruction prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41). What stumbling blocks are in your life that will not allow you to be identified as Jesus Christ’s? What lifestyle do you exhibit to show to whom you belong? Can people around you tell you are a Christian by what you say and do? Is your Christianity important to you?