

A wide, two-lane asphalt road stretches from the foreground towards a bright, glowing horizon. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the road. The overall mood is one of hope and forward movement.

OUR GREAT HOPE!

LEFT BEHIND?



LOVE, NOT FEAR



1 JOHN 4 : 18

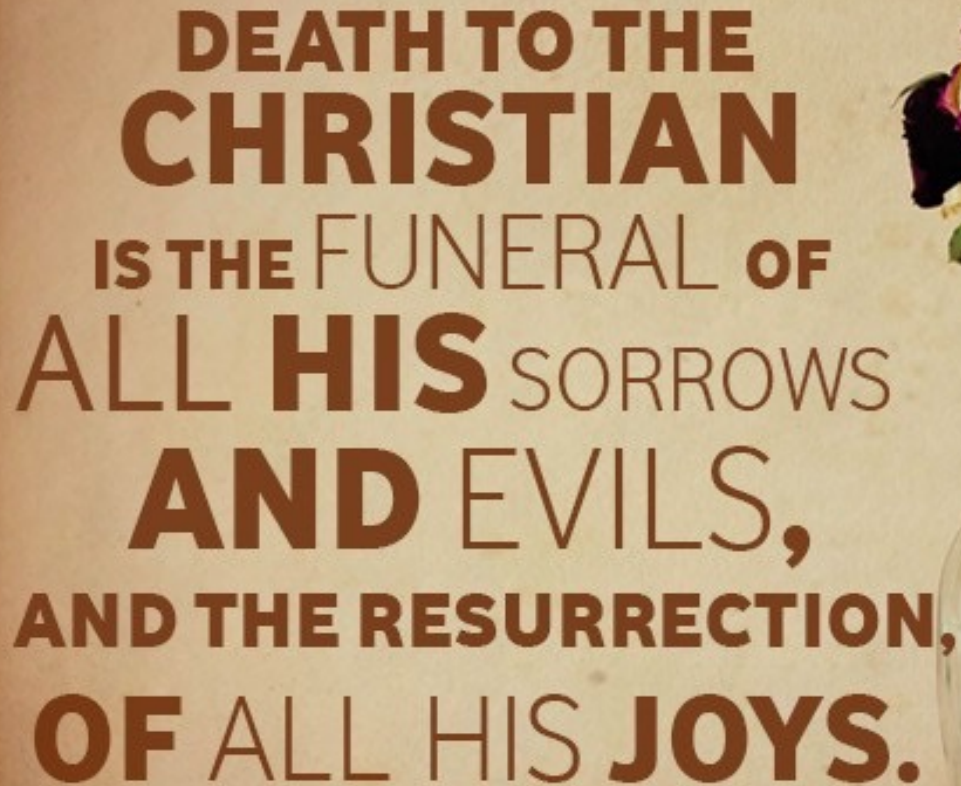
**THERE IS NO
FEAR IN LOVE**

BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR,
BECAUSE FEAR INVOLVES PUNISHMENT,
AND THE ONE WHO FEARS IS NOT
PERFECTED IN LOVE.



DEATH IS NOT THE END

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8



DEATH TO THE
CHRISTIAN
IS THE FUNERAL OF
ALL **HIS** SORROWS
AND EVILS,
AND THE RESURRECTION,
OF ALL HIS **JOYS.**

*"For we walk by faith,
not by sight.
**We are confident, yes,
well pleased rather to be
absent from the body
and to be present with the
LORD."***

(2 Corinthians 5:7-8)

THE RESURRECTION

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16; Matthew 24:30-31; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

And he who was seated on the throne said,

BEHOLD, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS **NEW.**

Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

REVELATION 21:5

JESUS COMES HERE

1 Thessalonians 4:17; Matthew 25:6; Acts 25:15

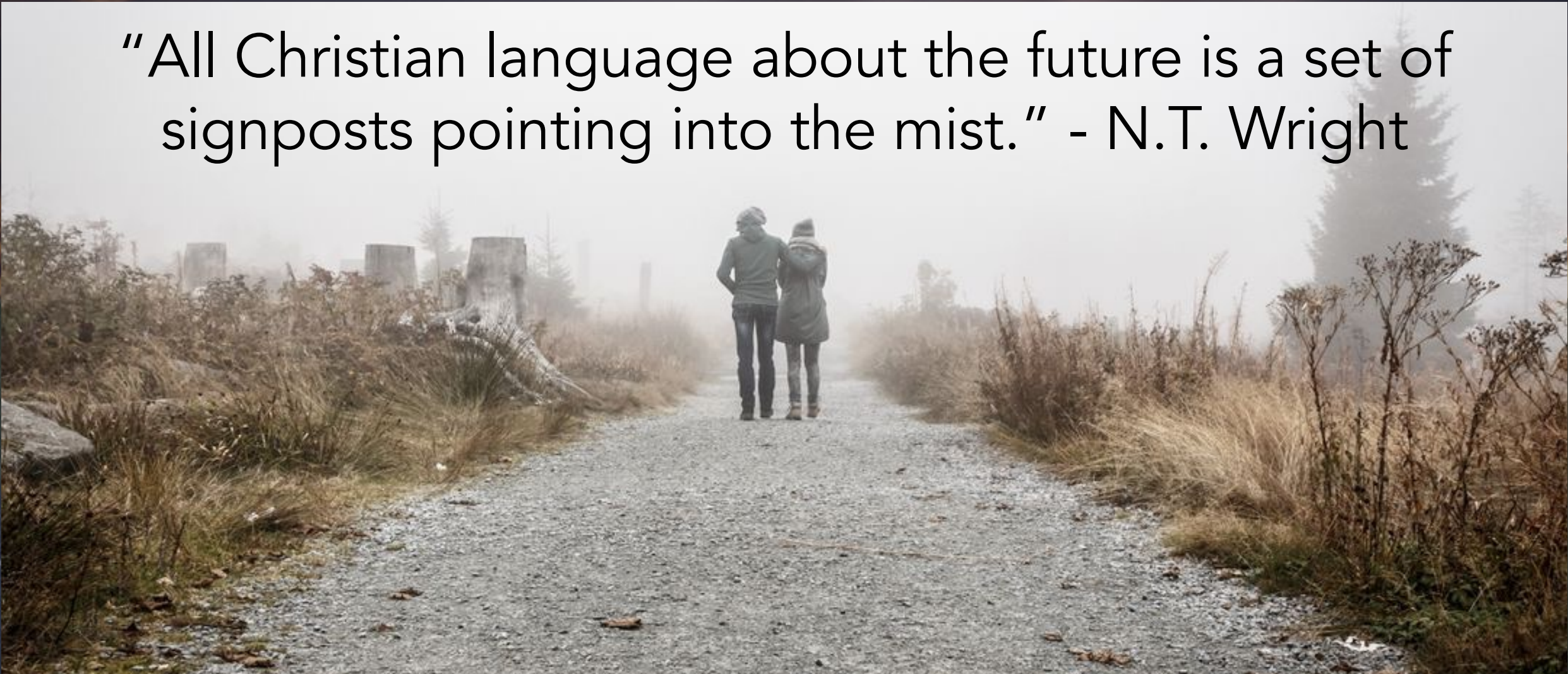


παρουσία – the arrival or advent of a dignitary
ἀπάντησις - the reception of a newly arrived official

WE DON'T WALK ALONE

1 Thessalonians 4:18

"All Christian language about the future is a set of signposts pointing into the mist." - N.T. Wright



When you read about Christ's return throughout the Bible, it can be boiled down into four major events:

1. Jesus Returns

2. Resurrection – All those who have died are raised from the dead, both the righteous and the wicked.

3. Judgement – The living and the dead will stand before the living God and answer for the deeds done in the body whether good or bad. God then shuts out all evil from His new world and destroys it.

4. Re-Creation – God then heals and renews everything that is left and it exists in harmony and perfection into eternity.

Anything beyond this is speculation and could distract us from the life of love that Jesus calls us to.