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SUBJECT: The Christian Hope

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THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

The priceless possession - a hope.

No matter how long, how hard, - if only we hope -  
Take away the consolation, earth filled with despair.

cf. Zephtho's Story  
Susanna - Rom. moralist  
Sethranim - Rom. satirist

Why science can never destroy religion: it reaches  
beyond matter, time; takes hold of things accessible only by  
faith, hope, trust, belief. Constantly, reaching toward  
something better. Things to come. So Titus 2: 13

This life - but not all.  
This body - " " "  
These riches - " " "

cf. Paul in II Cor. 4: 8, 9, 16-18; 5: 1

The Christian hope.

The X<sup>c</sup> is no child of melancholy, no spiritual hypochondriac

He is the Son of God, a child of the King. The spirit of song is in him,  
the spirit of triumph.

(a) The street car stops - a woman, "Wait up, Minister Conductor, wait up!"  
a wiggler by. "You seem so happy. Why?" "My Daddy says, 'The joy is  
not in the car; the joy is in me; I ought to be happy with the best.' And  
now, in heaven, stop, wait, with joyous. Throw them out the way."

Jo. 4: 2: 5

Whatever the outside - stern close do lowering - confident reliance upon  
justness shall cheer him  
Ps. 91: 1-7, 9, 10.

A reason, a basis, for the X<sup>o</sup> hope.  
The X<sup>o</sup> is no kind of limit, no sentimental dogma  
The reason; Rom. 15: 6 "the power of the N.S."

The perfect creation of heaven, earth in Gen. 1:1  
The indescribable dark chaos of the world in Gen. 1:2-22  
The brooding power of the Spirit of God in Gen. 1:26.

The perfect creation of the body of Jesus Christ. Jn. 1:35  
The mutilation of that body by sinful man. Jn. 52:14.  
Its resurrection by the power of the Spirit. I Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:11

The present marred creation  
Our bodies of death in which we live  
The deliverance thru the power of the Spirit } Rom 8:19-25  
thru 26 ff "the Spirit"

Matter has no power. The stolid rock, the dull lifeless wood, <sup>or stone</sup> <sup>life?</sup>  
all power is Spirit power. Ps. 62:11

The quickening power of the Spirit of God.  
The heart, soul, dead in trespasses and sins  
the body laid in the earth.

Jesus: "It is finished"  
Holy Spirit cannot say that. Works of grace.  
Resurrection.  
Final arrival in the light is joy.  
Inevitable overcome overripedness?  
Congruent duty?  
Not one of the heart shall fail.