



SERMON OUTLINE FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Living in the Future, Now

Matthew 17:1-9

INTRODUCTION: *Movie: "Back to the Future"*

I. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS IS A GLIMPSE INTO GOD'S FUTURE

- A. Peter wanted to preserve the moment: The future is now! (vv.1-4)
- B. But Peter was mistaken: The future had not fully come (v.9)
- C. Peter learned: Knowledge of the future creates an awesome responsibility in the present (v.6)

II. KNOWING GOD'S FUTURE, WE HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY NOW

- A. Yet, we must confess:
All we do, say, plan in the present is not shaped by God's future.
- B. God's future includes a descent into the valley, a future we cannot hear.

III. JESUS KNEW OUR FUTURE, & THIS COMPELLED HIM TO DEEDS OF GLORY FOR US

- A. He gave up the glories of heaven, for us (Philippians 2:6-7)
- B. He showed us God's true glory at the manger (Luke 2:9-11)
- C. He let us touch God's glory as He walked our earth (John 1:14)
- D. His true work of glory was done at the cross (John 17:1ff):
This is our future, now!

IV. KNOWING OUR FUTURE, WE HAVE A GLORIOUS HOPE AND JOY

- A. We have "Christ in us, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27)
- B. Christ in us frees us to be God's glory for others in love and forgiveness

CONCLUSION: *The "One-Word Tombstone":*
a sign of God's future, now