

## **Hope through death...**

From Daniel 12:

**“Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”**

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## **Hope through death...**

What does God tell us about death and beyond?

And how might that affect how we live today?

**A Christian view...**

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## Our Statement of Faith #10

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that **God will raise the dead bodily** and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to **condemnation and eternal conscious punishment** and the believer to **eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth**, to the praise of His glorious grace.

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## The future for those who are "in Christ"

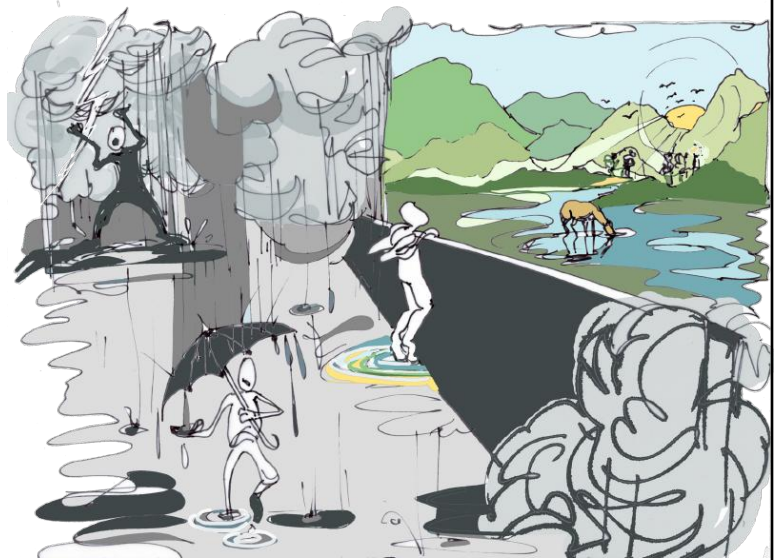
|           | Life                                    | Death   | Resurrection                                  |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| Our being | Soul with a natural body<br>Like a tent | Soul joyful<br>Yet feeling the lack of a body | Soul with a glorified body<br>Like a palace   |
| Where     | Earth                                   | Heaven<br>At home with the LORD               | New Heaven and New Earth<br>The New Jerusalem |

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## In eager expectation

Romans 8:18-30

[bib.ly/Rom8.NIV](http://bib.ly/Rom8.NIV)



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## Romans 8:18-30

**far**

18: Present sufferings surpassed by future glory

19-23: With all creation, we wait eagerly

24-25: We wait with hope

26-27: Because the Spirit intercedes for us

28-30: And because God is working for our good  
so we'll experience God's glory  
and we will also be glorified

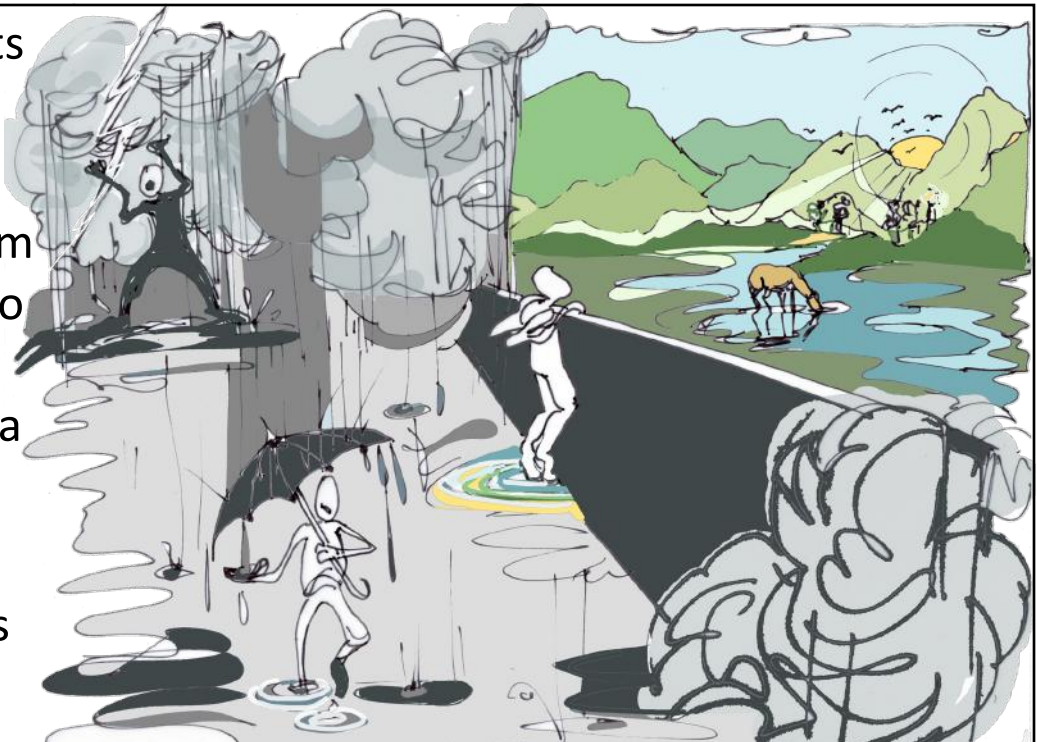
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that is exactly what we were made for

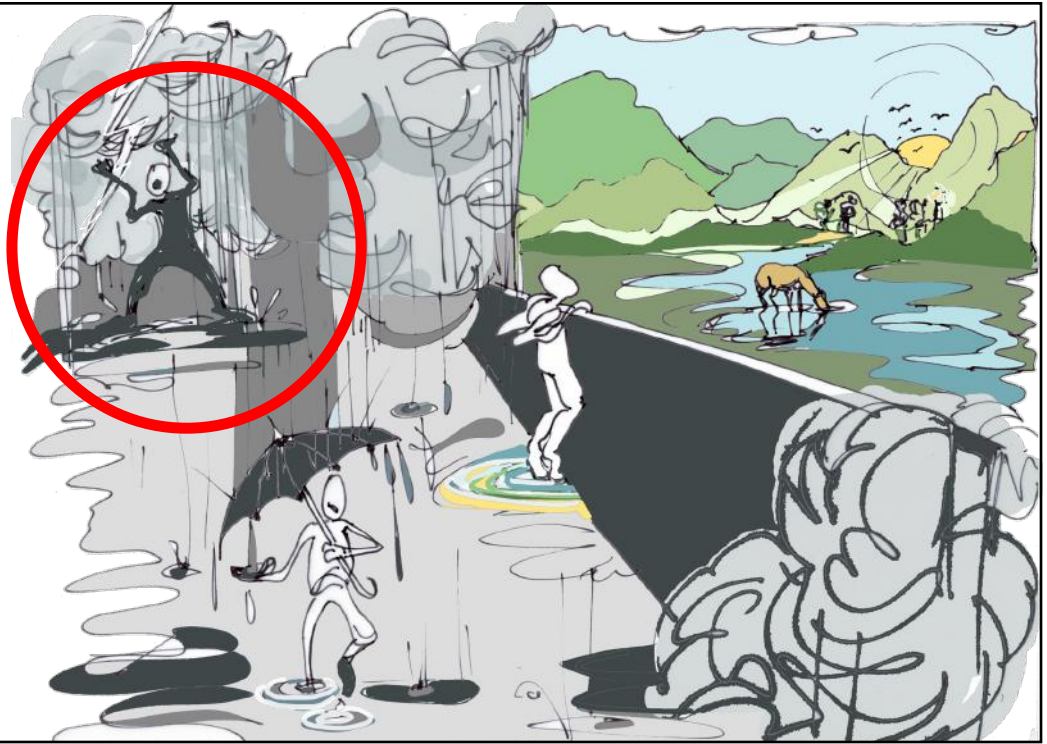
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Creation waits  
in eager  
expectation  
Liberated from  
its bondage to  
decay, and  
brought into a  
glorious  
freedom  
Like the pains  
of childbirth



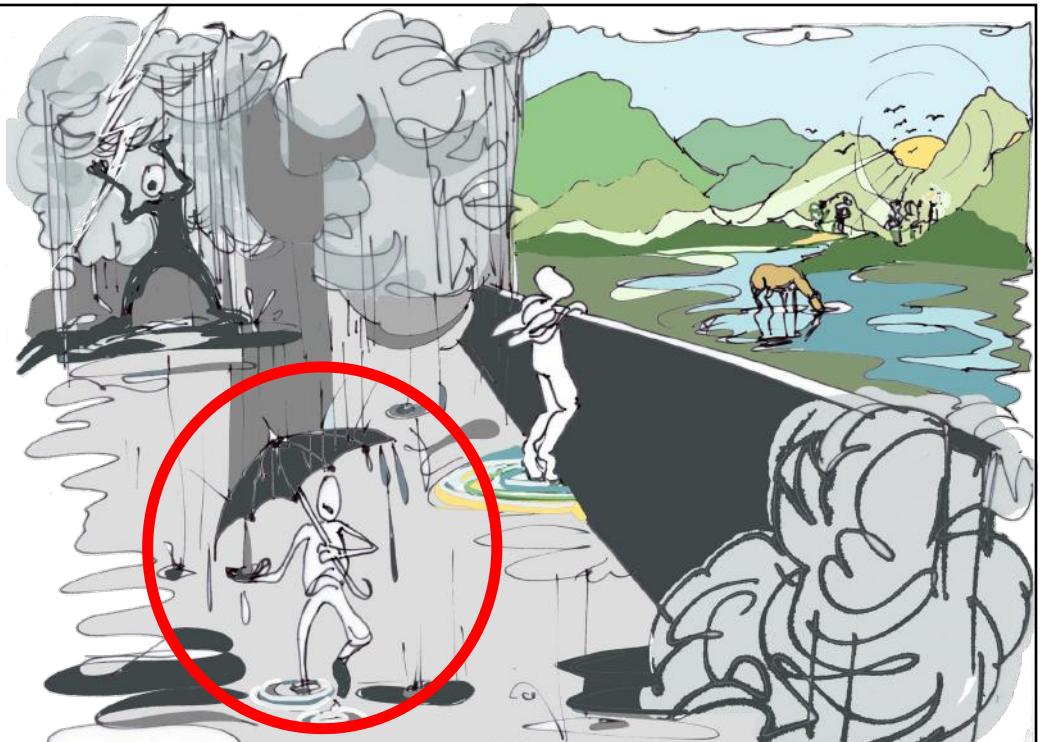
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Sometimes  
our current  
troubles  
drown our  
hope



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Sometimes  
the good  
(enough)  
in our world  
is enough to  
absorb our  
attention

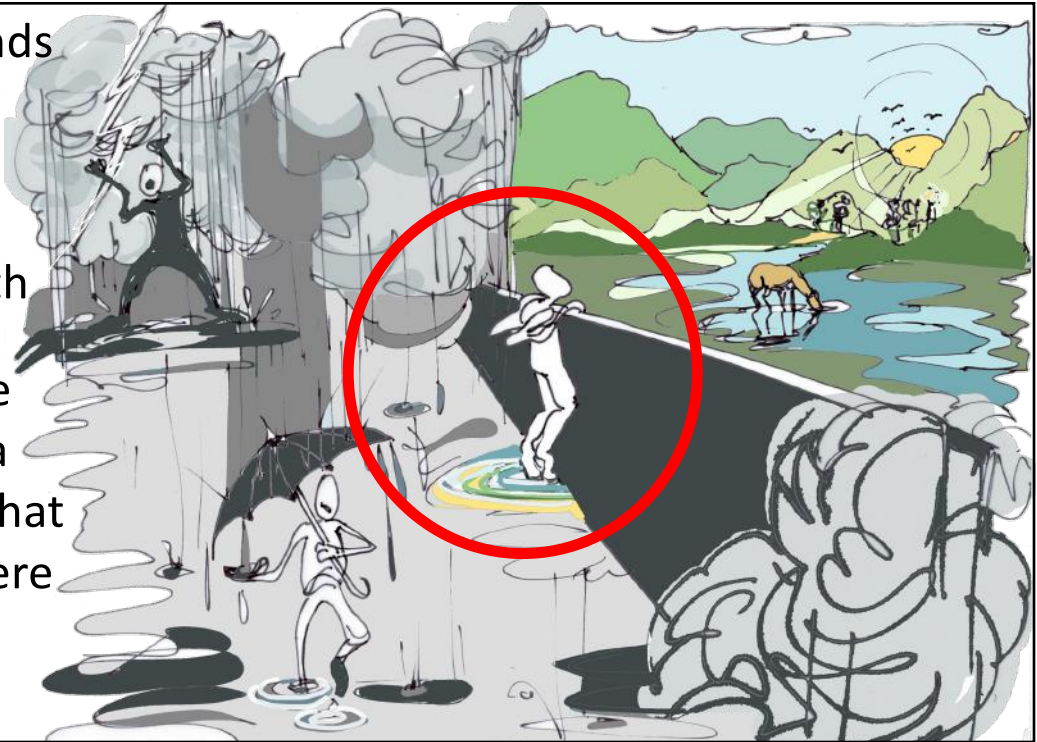


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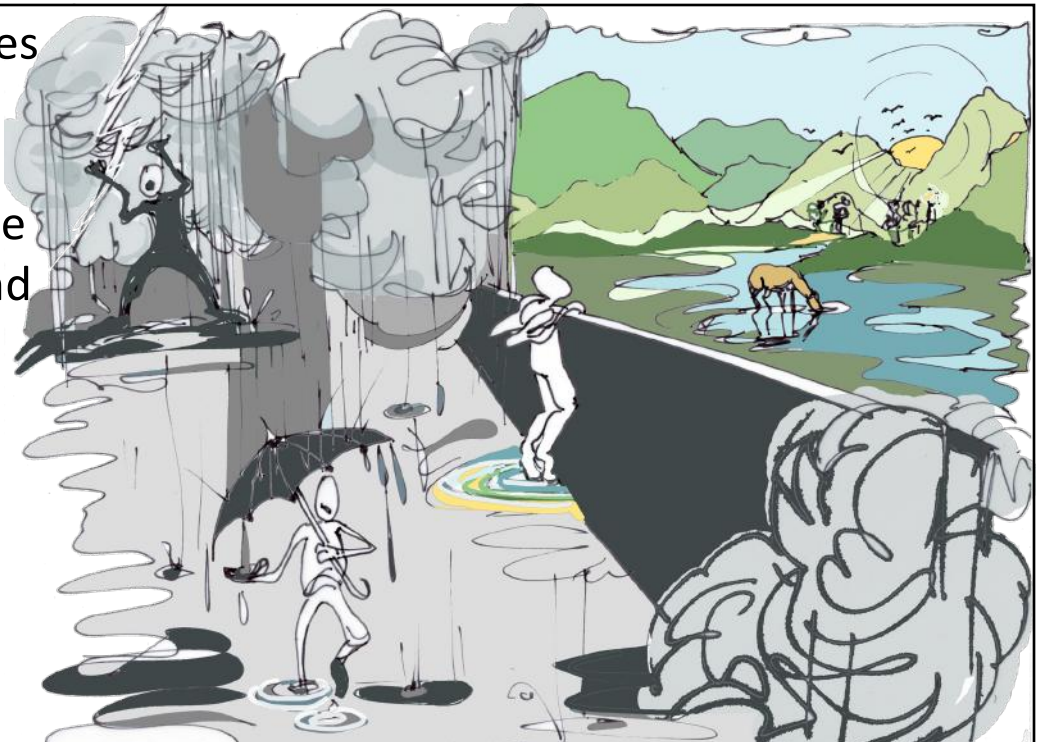
God commands  
us to set our  
hope on the  
new heavens  
and new earth

And when we  
do, it brings a  
foretaste of that  
new world here



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But sometimes  
we can think  
that what is  
over the fence  
is actually kind  
of boring...



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## **“Narrow” and “Broad” definitions**

- **“Worship”**
  - **Narrow:** singing songs, praying, reading Scripture, learning more about God and His ways
  - **Broad:** delighting in God and His creation, doing the good work He gives us to do, loving and serving people

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## **“Narrow” and “Broad” definitions**

- **“Church”**
  - **Narrow:** when we are gathered for a worship service and prayer gatherings and Bible studies
  - **Broad:** eating together, serving together, loving & serving each other, delighting in God and His creation together

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## **“Narrow” and “Broad” definitions**

- “Heaven” (new heaven and new earth)
  - **Narrow:** like narrow view of worship & church
    - A worship service and prayer gathering
  - **Broad:** like broad view of worship & church
    - Living life together with God
    - Delighting in God and His creation (the new earth)
    - Doing the good work we’ve been made and called to do
    - Without any decay, sin, disease, trouble, ...
    - That is life giving, good, and rewarding

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## **Imagine...**

- What you were made to do and be
  - Work, learn, create, discover, teach, serve, give, comfort, repair, make art, ...
- Without...
- With...
- Delighting in God & His creation & His people

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- Creation is standing on tiptoe  
deeply longing for freedom  
from bondage and decay,  
and for the freedom of living in glory!
- We are to set our hope fully ...
- Like an engaged couple deeply in love  
longing for the marriage

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## Application

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- Jesus taught parables calling for endurance
  - Widows awaiting the bridegroom (Matthew 25)
  - Servants investing for a traveling master (Luke 19)
- It takes wisdom & skill  
to be ready all the time  
while also being ready for a lifetime

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## Application

**Live in eager, patient, active hope  
in the glorious future Jesus is making for us**

- “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”
- Be salt and light
- Godly hope brings a foretaste of the new heaven and new earth to our world today
- With His power



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Jesus is preparing **a place** FOR US!

Like the best  
possible gift  
by the person  
who knows us  
the best

With God and  
His people forever!

**Eager, patient,  
and active hope...**

