

But he wants us to realize that all who truly love the Lord are one body. We are one body as Eph. 4 and Col. brings out so clearly. We are one body knit together and each of us should be helping each other ~~and~~ as we are growing together into the Head which is Christ and being conformed into His image. Oh what a scene we will have as we go up together and some people are surprised at some other people being there. How surprised we will be at the positions that the Lord gives us in His kingdom, because it is not the prominence we have in this life. It is not the apparent accomplishment we have in this life but it is what Jesus Christ sees of our heart, and whether we were truly devoted to Him and growing in grace as we should that will determine our place in His kingdom.

You notice that the great hope of the Christian is not the establishment of the Kingdom of God. God is going to establish His kingdom. He is going to come back. Jesus is going to bring us with Him when he comes back to this earth and establishes a kingdom on this earth that is so far beyond anything that anybody today can imagine. It will be far beyond the hopes of anyone living today. But today we are in world of sin and we plan and scheme to establish a good type of society and then Satan gets in here or there and there and sin in people's hearts shows itself in most unexpected places. Human efforts to establish the Kingdom of God on earth leads to frustration and misery because they cannot succeed. Jesus Christ will establish the Kingdom Himself. He wants us as citizens to do our part. He wants us to stand for ~~it~~ what is good. He wants us to take an interest ~~in~~ in everything that is really good. But it is secondary. It is not our primary function. We are here to witness. We are here to present God's truth. We are here to lead souls into the knowledge of Christ. And in so doing we do far more to help this world today than anything we can do to change conditions. Ye are the salt of the earth He says. And if it were not for the Christian character of those who have their eyes on Christ our country would dissolve into violence and into wickedness and misery. ^{that} We help everything that stands for good. But our eyes should not be on them. We are here to witness to our Lord, to present His truth, and we are here to wait for His Son from heaven. That is the blessed hope. Oh how wonderful when it comes. We do not know when it will come. It could come today. In such an hr. as ye think not the Lord