

Notice! Paul ~~did~~<sup>does</sup> not say, "Till everyone else comes." He doesn't ~~say~~ even say, "Till you come." He says, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, that we henceforth be no more children," tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine..." Notice the stress: Of supreme importance in each of our lives is the question of whether we are growing in the knowledge of the Lord.

Why has God put us here? Why do we stay on this earth? I once heard a man say, "Why doesn't God take us right to heaven as soon as we are saved? Because he wants us to ~~not~~ stay and tell others about Christ, and how they can be saved." That is certainly true. But it's not the whole truth. God has placed ~~us here~~ His people here in order to develop them, and make them what he wants them to be. 1 Cor. 3:18

We have many different gifts. We vary tremendously. Some have great athletic gifts, and others very little. Some love to study, read and think. Others are built differently and have very little interest in this. Some have great good fortune, and others feel that nothing goes as ~~well as~~ they'd like. God has ordained it all; He has made us what we are, put us where we are, given us what we have, and guides all circumstances. He does all this for a definite purpose. ---

Rom. 8:29