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they shall never grow old

"they will perish, but You will endure; yes, they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed." psalms 102:26

there is coming a day when, even as one day the universe will be rolled up like a scroll and recreated, our old bodies shall be changed into a yet unknown likeness... "we shall be like Him." 1 john 3:2 the wonderment of what awaits us i can only imagine. the splendor and glory the Father has bestowed upon the Son, we too shall inherit. "in this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials." 1 pet 1:6 patience and endurance - that's what one needs obtain this great inheritance.

i think of all those who shall never grow old, at least not in this life. these are those struck down by war, fighting for its defense and freedom. a worthy cause now trampled underfoot by those who would use it to fulfill their evil desires and senseless pleasures.

i think of all the unborn who shall never even have an opportunity to grow old; of all the potential lost that resided within them. then there are those just stricken by residues of a sinful, fallen world; some by incidental means while others should claim it as their rightful due, by folly or otherwise. nevertheless, "He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." matt 5:45

these are all physical ramifications. there are spiritual ramifications as well. some have their growth stunted by secret and unrepentant sin. then there are those who are content just remaining "babes" in Christ. we all are born as babes, in the spirit realm just as we were in the physical one. but just as a physical baby is expected to grow and mature, so is our spiritual man. one doesn't want to always be fed and have their diapers changed. what if there's no one around to do it?

"when i was a child, i spoke as a child, i understood as a child, i thought as a child; but when i became a man, i put away childish things." 1 cor 13:11 it is our job to put them away. i once heard an elder in the church make this statement. "the spirit doesn't age, it only matures." i was struck by that. maturity doesn't depend on age. it can come in youth or advanced age.

we will ever be learning once we come into His presence. there will be so much to know and explore. "brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature." 21 cor 14:20 we are that chosen generation. we are the appointed ones to usher in His coming. how awesome is that? the climax of the age!

do you want to be a babe, standing around and watching all the happenings or do you want to be a partaker. "most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." john

14:12 what greater works? do you think He will entrust them into the hands of babes? i for one want to walk in that promise.

just think of the vast numbers of believers gone before; some of great faith and some with works that shall never be known in this life. they are waiting for us to wrap all this stuff up. not by the great things we shall do, but because of the faith we possess that He who watches over His word to perform it will perform it. "if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." matt 17:20

won't you join with me and dare to believe. believe for the impossible. believe we are called and chosen to be here and now for a purpose. believe for His will to be done in this earth as it is in heaven.

if i light a candle in the dark, will it be lighter? what if we all light a candle? how could the darkness then exist? if we all just sit idly by saying one little candle won't matter, the darkness will surely envelope us. i keep hearing this phrase from God - "everyone doing their part." do you remember the daily about the boy picking up starfish from the shore trying to save what he could? how about the hummingbird dropping one little beak of water as his flew back and forth over a raging fire? that's all God asks from us - no more, no less. just do our part. He will do the rest! He is watching over His Word to perform it.