

fighting the good fight

"i have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 tim 4:7

i think we all long for that to be our legacy. we christians are living in a bed of roses as it were. though our lives may be frequently pricked by thorns, it serves only to let the beauty and fragrance of our Lord to come forth. "we must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." acts 14:22

even as our Lord Jesus knew crucifixion, we also must lay "self" on the cross. the "old man" in us must die in order for the new one to live. "i am crucified with Christ: nevertheless i live; yet not i, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which i now live in the flesh i live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." gal 2:20 kjv

there is new life awaiting each of us on the other side of crucifixion; a beautiful life. for one to truly know that life there must first be a death. "if anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." matt 16:24 denial of self will is a death. He can - i cannot. He will - i will wait. the resurrection is coming.

'cause I'll rise, again
Ain't no power on earth can tie Me down
yes, I'll rise, again
death can't keep Me in the ground

go ahead, and mock My name

My love for you is still the same
go ahead, and bury Me
but very soon, I will be free

'cause I'll rise, again
ain't no power on earth can tie Me down
yes, I'll rise, again
death can't keep Me in the ground

often times it takes years to put the "old man" to
rest, and even then he tries to rise again. "o
wretched man that i am! Who will deliver me from this
body of death?" rom 7:24

because He lives, i can face tomorrow,
because He lives, all fear is gone,
because i know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living,
just because He lives!

because He lives we too will live. He has predestined
it. "beloved, now we are children of God; and it has
not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know
that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we
shall see Him as He is." 1 john 3:2

"behold, I am coming quickly! blessed is he who keeps
the words of the prophecy of this book." rev 22:7