

A close-up photograph of a green fern frond against a dark background. The frond is composed of many long, narrow, pointed leaflets that are slightly curved. The lighting highlights the texture and color of the leaves, which range from a vibrant green to a darker, almost black, background. Overlaid on the image is the text "BECAUSE HE LIVES" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in two lines: "BECAUSE HE" on the top line and "LIVES" on the bottom line. The text is slightly tilted to the right, following the curve of the frond.

**BECAUSE HE
LIVES**



Part 4

I Corinthians 15:12-32





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Matthew 24:6-9

⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars.

See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.





Matthew 24:10-14

¹⁰ And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.





Colossians 1:16

*¹⁶ For by him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
authorities—all things were created through
him and for him.*





Matthew 28:18

*¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them,
“All authority in heaven and on earth has
been given to me.*





Joni Eareckson Tada

“Nothing is a surprise to God; nothing is a setback to his plans; nothing can thwart his purposes and nothing is beyond his control. His sovereignty is absolute. Everything that happens is uniquely ordained of God. Sovereignty is a weighty thing to ascribe to the nature and character of God. Yet if he were not sovereign, he would not be God. The Bible is clear that God is in control of everything that happens.”





Why Must Jesus Reign?

1. He is the Heir of all things (Heb 1:2).
2. He, by nature, is a King.
3. Jesus deserves the honor of reigning.
4. The Father decreed the Son's rule (Ps 2:6).





Charles Spurgeon


*“How this ought to comfort us! If Christ must reign,
then every soldier who fights for him is contributing to the victory.
Everyone who advances the cause is working with sure and great
results. You have not wasted those many silent prayers and bitter
tears. Our foes are as tall as Goliath, as mighty as Pharaoh,
and as proud as Nebuchadnezzar,
but in the name of Christ we will destroy them!”*





Hebrews 2:14-15

*¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,
he himself likewise partook of the same things,
that through death he might destroy the one who
has the power of death, that is, the devil,
¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were
subject to lifelong slavery.*





Revelation 21:4

⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.





Colossians 1:15-17

*¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were
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whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through him and for him.*


*¹⁷ And he is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.*





Colossians 1:18-19


*¹⁸ And he is the head of the body,
the church. He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything
he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all
the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*





Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.





Revelation 11:15

15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."





John MacArthur

“When God created man He made him perfect, righteous, good, and subservient. At the Fall, this supreme creature of God, along with all the rest of His creation, was corrupted and ruined. But the new men He creates through His Son will never be corrupted or ruined. They will be raised up to live and reign eternally in His eternal kingdom with His eternal Son.”





What is This Baptism of the Dead?

Someone being baptized based on the influence of a
godly person





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C.S. Lewis


“A book on suffering which says nothing of heaven, is leaving out almost the whole of one side of the account. Scripture and tradition habitually put the joys of heaven into the scale against the sufferings of earth, and no solution of the problem of pain which does not do so can be called a Christian one.”





Matthew 16:24-25

*²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples,
“If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself and take
up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever
would save his life will lose it, but whoever
loses his life for my sake will find it.*






II Corinthians 4:16-17

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart.

*Though our outer self
is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed
day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction
is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory
beyond all comparison,*





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