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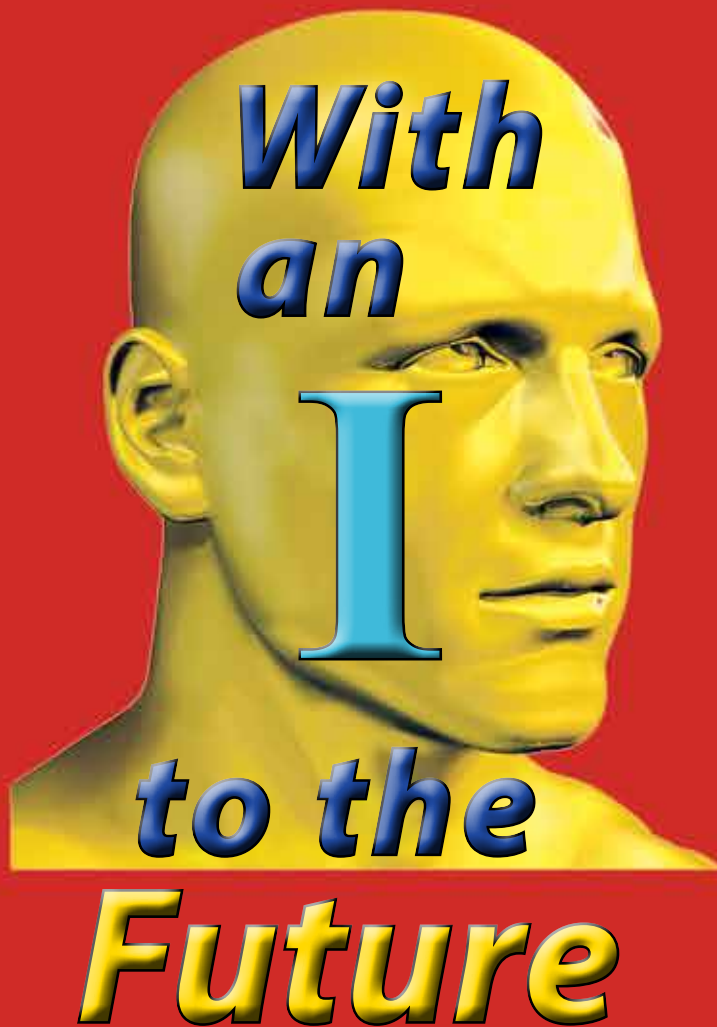
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Facing the Future

From time to time we all wonder what the future may hold, don't we?

How secure is my job?
Will I have enough money to live on? Is my health set to fail?
Am I going to develop dementia? Could I face death with confidence?

Yes, life is a real mixture of good and bad and sometimes it's best not to know what's round the next corner!



But is that always the most sensible outlook?

I Sight

It goes without saying that we're all rather preoccupied with ourselves and our own well-being.

Even those of us who demonstrate the most selfless and generous character have that in-built sense of self-preservation. It's common to us all.

God in His Word, the Bible, warns us of the perils to which this outlook can lead...

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - comes not from the Father but from the world. The world

and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2: 15-17

We're also told that the only way to do His will and know true and lasting security is through entering into a personal relationship with Him through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who says...

...I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

But this is only part of the story...



I Trouble

The problem is that our natural instinct tells us to look after ourselves and that no-one has the right to tell us how to live our lives. But left to ourselves it's often the darker side of our nature which comes to the fore...

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious, sexual immorality, impurity... hatred... jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition... envy... drunkenness...

Galatians 5:19-21

Of course we're not as bad as some and may even be a shining example of integrity and virtue. And yet, in the sight of a holy God even our best isn't good enough...

...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags...

Isaiah 64.6

We've all broken the law of God and must face fearful consequences...

...people are destined to die once and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

Thankfully God has provided a way of escape...



I Witness

God is a God of justice and all wrong must be punished. Yet He's also a God of love, and for this reason He did something truly amazing.

Taking human form He came into our world that first Christmas. And by living a perfect life was 'good enough to pay the price of sin' when He suffered and died on the Cross of Calvary. We're told about all this by those who were eye-witnesses to the events of that first Easter weekend...

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

They even recorded His very words...

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25,26

No matter how bad or even how good we consider ourselves to be, we all need to be put right with God. But this won't be forced upon us.



I Sore

God reaches out to us in love and compassion. But this requires a response from us in honestly acknowledging our faults and failings, and with His help turning away from all we know to be wrong.

And then, in asking the risen Lord Jesus by His Spirit into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord, we're given a brand new beginning...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Of course, living as a true Christian today is not easy. We must be ready to face the pain of ridicule and rejection. And yet He won't ask anything of us without also giving us the ability to cope.

However, He does expect those of us who would be His true followers to count the cost of lasting loyalty and commitment...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

I Wash

Nowadays of course, much of this story is considered to be just that... a story from bygone days. And yet millions throughout the world today would profess to having come to a saving knowledge of the one true God...

...he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously though Jesus Christ our Saviour...

Titus 3:5

Therefore, as we look into the future the greatest challenge facing each one of us is this...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

...but whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

So now is always the right time to seek Him.

