

Don't Fear The Future (And Starbucks)

Dear Friend:

If only we could order our future the way people order coffee at Starbucks... "Give me a tall, extra-hot cup of adventure, cut the dangers. A grande decaf brew of longevity with a nice portion of retirement. I'll take a venti (extra large) dose of investment profit along with 3 shots of good health." It would be nice if life worked that way, but it doesn't. My trip to Starbucks and my future have something in common: FEAR! Over the years I have been to Starbucks 100 times. I have even been at the original Starbucks in Seattle – twice! No kidding... I saw one intersection in Seattle where there was a Starbucks on each corner! Why in the world would I fear going to Starbucks, the price? No. What I fear the most is: sounding stupid. I honestly believe the employees and regular customers have their own Starbucks language, so... I stick to just 2 drink flavors in the Spring and Summer and one drink in the Fall and Winter. I have minimized my fear.

Now... what about my fear of the future? My fear reaches this level: I do not know what my future holds – but I know who holds my future: God. You see... you, me, the Governor, the President, and every person share a common malady: we are all blind. Blind to the future.

I have good news – the good news of the Bible has a remedy for this: Matthew 6:34, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself..." You know how to do this? Trust your unknown future to God, who can be known, if you so choose. Trust God and you get all his promises about the future and peace, the future and assurance, the future and your eternity. Do you get no more problems on Earth? No, that's not promised, but you do get an eternal future in heaven and that's a promise!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Focus on the Christmas meaning, 17 missionary hostages in Haiti, Christmas Special music preparation

Events: Women Moving Forward (WMF). Christmas Brunch at the home of Donna Clickenger on Monday, December 6th at 10:30 AM.