

Youth Versus Age

by Bill Crews

“Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. In the central place of every heart there is a recording chamber. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer and courage, so long are you young. When your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then, and then only, are you grown old. And then, indeed as the ballad says, you just fade away.”

— Douglas MacArthur
on his 75th birthday

The Hope Of Resurrection

“Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; moreover my flesh also will rest in hope” (Acts 2:26).

It is a truth of God’s will and way that what truly **is** may not be truly observed **now**. Many of God’s greatest blessings come later. The verse before us illustrates this point perfectly. David prophesied this statement of his fleshly descendant, Jesus Christ, some 1,000 years before it was fulfilled! On the Day of Pentecost, A.D. 33, in the city of Jerusalem, Peter and the other inspired apostles applied this prophecy from Psalm 16 to Jesus and said that in His recent resurrection this matter had been fulfilled.

The hope of that day’s sermon rested in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. He was not a dead Hero, but a living Savior! The Cause of Christ was not dead, but living and full of excitement! What makes this resurrection even more amazing is that it is the *“firstfruits”* of those who have fallen asleep (1 Cor. 15:20). That is, Jesus Christ was the **first** to be resurrected from the dead *never to die again!* We who live in faith and die in faithfulness will rest in the death of hopeful slumber, for one day, we too will rise from the dead. Do not give up your hope in this because it is not readily observed now. Trust in God and obey Him for an eternal hope.

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