

# What is Maturity?

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Philippians 3.17-21

Salvation works like this. Something happened in the past which completely changes my expectation of the future I now, in the present, live into that future. This is maturity.

Paul looked by faith to the future. The events of the past completely altered his view of the future. Jesus would return to finish the task of salvation. He is coming back to complete the overthrow of death, evil and sin through our resurrection. And he lived accordingly

Living into the Future:

There is no such thing as the “end times” because we already live in the end time. (1 Pet. 1.18-20; Heb. 1.1-2 see also Acts 2.14-21; Romans 13.11; 1 Corinthians 7.29-31; 10.11; Hebrews 9.26; James 5.8; 1 Peter 4.7; 1 John 2.18)

The Day of the Lord is the consummation of the age. It is the moment of resurrection and judgment. (Amos 5.18; Isaiah 2; 13.6; 61; Micah 4.1-3; Zephaniah 1.7, 14-15; 3.11; Ezekiel 7.19; 13.5; 30.3; 38.14-17; Joel 1.15; 2.28-3.16; Zechariah 14.10; Malachi 4.1 Jesus – Day of the Lord: 1 Cor 1.8; 3.13; 5.5; 15.23; 2 Cor 1.14; Phil 1.6-10; 2.16; 1 Thess. 2.19; 3.13; 4.15; 5.23; 2 Thess. 2.1, 8-9; 2 Timothy 1.12, 18; 4.8)

Living into the future purifies those who do it. (1 Jn. 3.2-3)