

Application questions
The Consummation
Hebrews 13:9-14

Summary:

We gather this day longing for that day.

toil this day, rest that day
corruption this day, holiness that day
faith this day, sight that day

Quotes:

What we experience now in our relationship with God, in the company of his people, is an anticipation of ultimate reality. The whole of life is to be lived with reference to the unshakeable kingdom and the prospect of living in God's presence forever. -- David Peterson, *Engaging God*

Christian, believe this, and think on it—you shall be embraced in the arms of that love which brought the Son of God from heaven to earth, from earth to the cross, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to glory. Know this, believer, to your everlasting comfort; if those arms have once embraced you, neither sin, nor hell can get you again forever. The saints' everlasting rest consists in the enjoyment of God by love. --Richard Baxter

Questions:

1. Do you feel homesick for the last day, when Christ's work will come to completion and we shall see his face? If so, what aspect of that day fills you with longing? If not, why not? what fills your soul with longing? what do you look forward to?
2. what would it look like to cultivate homesickness for THAT day? How can you remind yourself of the glorious end of the story? How can you take the reminders that you are not yet home (sin, sickness, weakness) and use them to stir your hunger for home?
3. What would it look like if you lived your life for THAT day? what specific area of life would you adjust so that it would appear that you are looking toward your eternal home?