

- a. The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
 - i. The Church is the company of forgiven sinners.
 - ii. We live our lives in gratitude to God for that gracious forgiveness.
 - iii. We are called to forgive as we have been forgiven.
 - iv. It is God's forgiveness of our sins which makes our future live possible.
 - v. The future is thought of as "The resurrection of the body (or flesh)"
 - 1. This denies that there is an invisible and immortal part of us which must live on in some way
 - 2. We are not a body/soul composite. We are one united person. Our "eternal life" is not our escape from our body or from the physical as some ancient Greeks taught
 - 3. Our future life is a miraculous gift from God.
 - 4. Cranfield speaks of two stages
 - a. Immediately after death we are received into the presence of Christ in a spiritual state. "My desire is to depart and be with Christ" Philippians 1:21
 - b. Then comes the resurrection of our bodies and our "life everlasting" is complete.
 - i. Our full personhood is restored
 - ii. Our "I" continues in a new way.
 - 5. In the life everlasting we will become all that we were meant to be and will worship God as we were meant to worship.