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Jesus said: "Ye are the salt of the earth ... Ye are the light of the world ..." (Matthew 5:13-14)

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Condolences To Victorian Bushfire Victims

On behalf of the Christian Democratic Party, the National President Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, has expressed condolences and prayers for the victims of the horrific Victorian bushfires.

"We are shocked by the sudden fiery destruction that has befallen so many Victorian families, country towns and farms" said Mr Nile.

"Whilst Victorians struggle with lack of water, Queenslanders are suffering extreme floods.

"We urge all Australians to support the Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal by sending donations to <http://salvos.org.au> or telephone 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) (credit card) or via any Westpac branch".

Elaine and Fred Nile have forwarded a personal donation of \$2,000 and the Christian Democratic Party will send its donation after the CDP Management Committee meets next Saturday.

"We fully support the proposed Victorian Royal Commission into these disastrous fires to ensure there is never again such a staggering loss of human life.

“We call for a review of arson laws to ensure there is a strong deterrent for any person planning to start a bushfire” said Mr Nile.

BIBLE DEVOTION

Rev Peter Rahme – CDP Deputy President

**“....in the day of adversity consider
(Ecclesiastes 7:14a)**

Adversity will pay every one of us a visit at one time or another. You can count on it. It is not IF It is WHEN. There is no one group in society that is immune from its snatching jaws and sharp claws. Whether on a global scale of the spectacular natural disasters and the soaring national debts, or on a local scene of marriage break ups and mental breakdowns, its fury and terror usually fills the hearts of its victims with fear and trepidation

Adversity comes in a complexity of shapes and considerable sizes – *family crisis, failure in health, financial losses, frustrating relationships; and/or friendship betrayals*, just to name a few. The majority arrive at the doorstep of our lives, unannounced, with no prior arrangement or a confirmed appointment, and without the simplicity of one-size fits all. Like door-to-door salesmen they just happen to be in the area, in such an inconvenient time! When they drop in on us, for what may seem to be some "unknown reason", and visit us in the most "unexpected seasons", they usually bring with them their unwanted products and overstay their unwelcomed presence.

(To read the full article, [click here](#))

<http://www.saltandlight.org.au/articles/Adversity%20Article%20-%20Salt%20&%20Light%20Feb%2009.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Rev Fred Nile MLC - CDP Founder & President

1. NSW Parliament House Forums

Over 80 persons attended an informative Forum on 9th February 2009, where Pastor Keith Piper spoke on ways to win Muslims for Christ. Four Muslim converts to Jesus Christ shared their new faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour.

The Rev Fred Nile explained how Australia is a Christian nation in its heritage and conventions and compared the Islamic morality with the Judeo-Christian ethic, particularly in the Gaza conflict. Copies of these Addresses are available on CD from Sher Vanstone – 0410 877 143.

2. Commonwealth Inquiry into “The Freedom of Religion and Belief in the 21st Century”.

This Inquiry has extended the closing date for Submission to 28th February, 2009 in an attempt to encourage Submissions from atheists and non Christian religions, because it has received many from Christians. I have forwarded a detailed Submission on behalf of the

Christian Democratic Party. Copies can be viewed and downloaded from the following link.
[www.cdp.org.au/PresidentsPage/Submission/Religious Freedom.pdf](http://www.cdp.org.au/PresidentsPage/Submission/Religious_Freedom.pdf)

To read the full President's Report, [click here](http://www.saltandlight.org.au/articles/Feb09.pdf)
<http://www.saltandlight.org.au/articles/Feb09.pdf>

OFFICE UPDATE

Acting State Manager – Rev Peter Rahme

2009 took off in a big way for CDP with a number of exciting initiatives:

- The premiere of the great Christian feature film 'FIREPROOF' in Parliament house theatre was a smash hit (You can read Judy Russell's full report under [Views](#) & [Reviews](#)) We'll be taking Fireproof on the road .If you're interested in hosting a screening please call me on **(02) 9144 4568** or **(02) 9746 5817** (to order your 'FIREPROOF' DVD /book package email me on editor@saltandlight.org.au);
- We're also looking to premiere 2 new Christian movies in March & June.
- The first semester of the long awaited 'Fred Nile School of Politics' weekly Monday night course will start February 23 (7-9pm) at the office To enroll , or for more details please call the office on **(02) 9144 4568** or **(02) 9746 5817**
- Christian Worldview Forums held on the 1st Wednesday of every Month in the NSW Parliament house will feature excellent Christian leaders both international and local, singers and authors will be also invited to take part in these forums. -
- Our annual conference 070809 in August is in the planning stage
- Plus much much more.

We're looking forward to mailing out details to you ASAP. That also means that we're going to need all the VOLUNTEER help that we can get. A number of you have already responded. Thank you!!

I'm still looking for more volunteers including office administration, computer IT, etc.

For more details and/or If you like to be part of the CDP office team of 2009 email me on editor@saltandlight.org.au or call me on **(02) 9144 4568** or **(02) 9746 5817**

BRANCH NEWS

HORNSBY BRANCH

The Hornsby Branch meeting times I have booked with Hornsby Council last week are 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every Even month except December 2009, at the Mount Colah Community Centre Pierre Close Mount Colah.

SOUTH COAST BRANCH

The next meeting is on Sunday 15th February at 2pm @ 8 Warrigal St, Carrington Park, Nowra. Contact President, Bohdan Brumerskyj Tel. 0401 217 155 Or to the Secretary, Rhonda Avasalu...ph.4454 1898

HUNTER BRANCH

Newcastle, Wallsend & Charlestown Branch meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

All are welcomed. For more information contact Milton Caine on 0410 027 593 The February meeting will be on Sunday 21 commencing at 1.30pm in the hall at the Islington Baptist Church Maitland Road Islington.

KIAMA BRANCH – Lesley Kadwell (President)

The Kiama Branch meets bi-monthly on the last Monday of February, April, June, August, October starting 7:30pm at John & Lesley Kadwell's, 8 Moona Ave, Kiama Downs.

Dates for 2009 are 23 Feb; 27 Apr; 29 Jun; 31 Aug & 26 Oct. The 23rd Feb will be the AGM with Chairman and Speaker, Max Cracknell – CDP NSW Branch Development Officer. Phone 4237 7186 for more details.

INTER STATE

CDP (WA) - By State Director Gerard Goiran

This year we're looking to implement a comprehensive training programme to prepare all candidates for the next Federal and State elections. The programme is also accessible to anybody who supports the aims and objectives of CDP and wants to learn more about politics and how Christians can make a difference in the life of our nation and in our parliaments. All sessions are free of charge and will be run on an interactive basis. The training will be delivered and coordinated by the State Director with recourse to specialist guest speakers and coaches. Copies of the materials will be available also to those who want to start up a group or branch and wish to include some educational component to their programme of activities in 2009.

PROGRAMME

2009

February 14 (3 hours) - *The fundamentals of our Australian system of government*

May 16 - *Policies and public speaking skills (full day)*

July 11 (full day) - *Current issues and public speaking skills*

September 12 (full day) - *Campaigning and networking 1*

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February (full day) - *Campaigning and networking*

March (half day) - *Approaching the media*

May (half day) - *Fund raising and dos and don'ts for candidate*

July (full day) - *Preparation for the Federal election*

Also our newsletter is now on our website see

http://www.cdpwa.org.au/08news.php?content_id=6

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CDP (VIC) – Sent by State Chairman Spero Katos

HOW GOVERNMENT THREATEN AUSTRALIAN LIBERTIES

Australia is one of the freest and most tolerant societies in the world. But this could change. The Federal government, close to the end of the year, set two new inquiries in motion. The first was to inquire into Freedom of Religion and Belief in Australia. The second is to investigate the relevance of a Bill of

Rights.

In 2000 the report of the Joint Sanding Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade published its report of an inquiry into freedom of religion and belief in Australia, titled, "Conviction with Compassion". It received over 100 submissions from the public, and this new inquiry welcomes submissions as well. They must be lodged by 28th February, 2009

While Australia enjoys great freedom in matters of religion and belief, and also unbelief, it is not free from examples of discrimination on various grounds. But given that fact and our traditionally tolerant and religiously free society, one is entitled to ask, Why another inquiry, ten years on from the last? It is interesting to note how the Constitutions of many countries guarantee religious freedom, yet often harass those whose religion represents a minority in the country. Christians usually suffer more than others. There does not appear to be a general call by the public for such an inquiry as this, unless of course it is a response to complaints from Muslims. Some probably claim to being discriminated against in property issues. But in matters religious they have been given far greater freedom here, than they usually accord non-Muslim religion believers in their countries.

In view of this the idea of a Bill of Rights appeals to many, as a way to guarantee religious freedom in the future. Bills of Rights seem a good idea, but the reality is different. USA has a Bill of Rights, yet the rights of its citizens are often denied and abused. So a BoR must be carefully examined. Submissions to this inquiry are welcomed from groups and individuals but must be tabled by 29 May, 2009. Both these inquiries could recommend restricting freedom of speech further than has already occurred, and also eroding an Australian's personal liberty.

The Key Consultation Questions are:

1. Which human rights and responsibilities should be protected and promoted?
2. Are human rights sufficiently protected and promoted?
3. How could Australia better protect and promote human rights?

(Taken from Gov. Watch Jan 09 Issue For more details about CDP (VIC), email skatos@genesis.net.au or write to Reply Paid 99, Sandown Village, Vic 3171 -No postage required, Tel. (03) 9887 9350; www.cdp.org.au/vic/)

VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES

By Ramon Williams Worldwide Photos Special for ASSIST News Service

Fires destroy campsite and mobile mission maintenance headquarters
Australia's worst national disaster claims Christian properties

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (ANS) -- In the midst of the horrific reporting of Australia's worst national disaster, Victoria's bushfires of February, 2009, the death toll is expected to pass 200, with 5,000 homeless. From the township of Marysville,

Victoria, comes a report that the Evangelisation Society of Australia (ESA) Camp Site, 959 Buxton Rd, Marysville 3779, has been largely destroyed. "Only lodges 2, 4 & 5 and 2 staff houses have been left standing."

To read the full account click [Here](http://www.assistNews.net/stories/2009/s09020045.htm)
(<http://www.assistNews.net/stories/2009/s09020045.htm>)

GORDON MOYES

NSW CDP Secretary – Elwyn Sheppard

(Many of our CDP family and friends, are grieved by Rev Hon Dr Gordon Moyes' ongoing public attacks on CDP. Last month we published in Salt & Light for your information, a letter from CDP's Management Committee which was sent to Dr Moyes in response to his continued false and sometimes mischievous allegations and claims. As we have sought to resolve the situation privately in a gracious & mature Christian manner, he still carries on more like an opposition leader to our founding president rather than an a Parliamentarian colleague. With a heavy heart we bring you a follow up open letter to CDP members and supporters from the CDP management Committee)

Firstly we'd like to thank God for your loyalty and sacrifice. We appreciate your ongoing support to the Christian Democratic Party. It has never been an easy cause to serve, being as it were on the forefront of the battle for righteousness. We applaud our founding president who answered the call of Christ to stand for Parliament as a Christian, counting not the cost. He had no other qualification but obedience to, and trust in God. He never expected it to be an easy journey, but he has faced 'mountains' at times that only Christ could move or make a way through.

One such mountain, at the moment, is his fellow Upper House colleague, Gordon Moyes.

When CDP selected Gordon as a candidate in 2002, he was chosen for all the right reasons. He was an outstanding Christian leader who had a lot of experience in many fields, which appeared to make him an excellent candidate to support Fred and the battle in the frontline of Parliament.

It was hinted, strongly by some, that Gordon would never play second fiddle to anyone, but Gordon vowed his total allegiance to Fred, saying he'd never want Fred's job and he would never have to worry about him stabbing him in the back!

We are very sorry we took his word for that, as he almost immediately set about changing things to suit himself. In unobtrusive ways at first he set his own agenda, making Phil Lamb his employee and giving him a contract that other members of the Management Committee, and even Fred himself, were not privy to. This alone caused a lot of consternation and division in the workings of the MC and then when Kylie Lawrence who had set up the CDP E-mag, was forced out of the office by Phil Lamb, Gordon was asked in good faith to take charge of it. He agreed, but in time he called it his Emag and went further and further away from the original idea of proclaiming CDP doings via the Internet to supplement the "Family World News" Paper Fred was already producing.

As time went by more and more alarm bells started ringing in the Management Committee when we realized he was using his Emag, now called "A Christian Voice in Politics" to proclaim all manner of alleged faults he found in Fred and CDP and he announced his New Agenda that CDP would be adopting. None of this was ever taken to the Management Committee or Fred before he announced it publicly.

Since then he has mounted and maintained a public attack on CDP and its founding president, Fred Nile. He has tried to undermine the very principles and policies our Party is built on and he has done it with no Christian grace or thought for damage control, or dishonour to the Lord's Name.

He even called up a Sun-Herald Reporter to make a very public attack on Fred and CDP, built on figments of his own imagination. The Reporter then rang Fred for his side of the story. Even this Reporter was taken aback with what Gordon did and said. What a public disgrace!

Fred has wanted to believe the best of Gordon and tried to understand where he was coming from but eventually he felt he must be unwell, especially after the attack in the Sun-Herald. So Fred responded in his next President's Email and tried to rectify things by addressing all the false allegations that Gordon had made.

Gordon then told people Fred was emailing all his constituents and telling lies about him! Gordon has been called to order a number of times by the Management Committee and has promised to stop his malicious personal attack on Fred and CDP but has never honoured those promises. Gordon was not voted back onto the Management Committee at the 2008 Conference and continues to use the "Christian Voice in Politics" to try to take our Party in a different direction or kill it in the process!

Why do we burden you with all this information?

Well for one thing the Bible tells us clearly that 'the power of life and death is in the tongue' (Proverbs 18:21) The Bible also warns about the tongue and the damage it can do, (read James chapters 1 & 3.) Therefore we're concerned that Gordon's false accusations may have negatively impacted you. Also we believe that it is our responsibility to bring you the facts and it is your right to know the truth, so that you may be able to pray more effectively.

Many of you would have picked up in the spirit that we are under attack and we need you all to stand with us and keep on standing. "Therefore put on the whole armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything to stand" (Ephesians 6:13). Gordon told Fred at the conference dinner in September, "The battle has only just begun".

Although this conflict and breakdown in relationships has been a great personal burden to Fred and Elaine, Fred has continued his unswerving battle in the Parliament. He is always in each Session and leads many Parliamentary Committees and Inquiries. He speaks up on every Bill and gets many changes made to make them better for the family and the community. The Government has taken up some of his good Bills and put them up as their own. He will not get the credit for that but he is glad to have that influence.

As a Management Committee this battle has made us a stronger, more answerable body, working together with more understanding. We have forged a clearer vision and are presently updating the Constitution especially in regard to employment, policies and procedures.

Our finances have been down somewhat, due to some lapsed membership and drop in donations, as good folk became either confused and/ or disillusioned by Gordon's constant public attacks. In the disgusting CVIP attack (27/11/08), Gordon actually urged people to stop their financial support.

You can be assured that we will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure CDP's financial viability as a registered political party. CDP is not incorporated and, as with other political parties, does have debts as a result of Election Campaigns.

There was a loan of \$60, 000 we made to the WA Branch of CDP for their recent election where they narrowly missed gaining a seat. This they are paying back in due course. However you can have confidence that God is still in control in spite of Gordon's continuing attempts to discredit us.

We hope this brings further clarification for you and gives you a greater understanding of the battle we are in as Salt and Light in this world. Sadly sometimes the foe is within our ranks as well as outside. Much more could be said but we pray God will turn things around.

We ask you to renew your commitment to this very important Christian Party in our Nation when our entire Christian heritage is being steadily undermined by very vigorous anti-Christian groups.

CDP has been the conscience of the NSW Government and it has withstood many issues that other States have buckled under. Currently Marriage, Abortion, Prayer in Parliament, Scripture in Schools, Christian Schools and parental rights are all on the Agenda.

We also have a Federal Parliament that is very weak on all these issues. We will only lose the fight if we give in and stop standing up for what is right. Please continue to pray for Fred and Elaine, Gordon and Beverley, and all the Management Committee and Office Staff.

If you have further questions please address them to the NSW State secretary of the Management Committee and we will attempt to answer you.

IHMS,

*Rev.Elwyn Sheppard
NSW State Secretary*

(on behalf of the CDP Management Committee)

Bruce Coleman; Michael Darby; Graham Freemantle; Andrew Green; Lesley Kadwell; Neville McIntyre; Manny Poularas; Peter Rahme; Elwyn Sheppard; Isabel Strutt; Leighton Thew

KAREN'S KORNER

by Karen Goderie (Pender)

A big Thank you to everyone who prayed for Mrs Elaine Nile. Please continue to pray for full healing, as well as for everyone in the CDP with Cancer.

Pray for all innocent civilians affected by the recent Gaza/,Israel conflict especially less known reports that mainstream media don't often mention, e.g 8600 rockets have reigned down on the Jewish refugees living in southern Israel.(See Jerusalem Post) Most are very poor, and more than 40 percent are Russian Jews.

Pray for Mosab Hassan Yousef, Son of a founding Hamas Leader who has become a Christian and whistle blower and now has a death sentence on his head. He is now living the US attending a Californian Church, and spends much time trying to bring Muslims to Christ via the internet. Click [here](#) & check out his testimony <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1W5wZ1J1OZM&feature=related>

HOT TOPICS

Christian Churches in Saudi Arabia?

Edited by Graham Freemantle - CDP Management Committee

This article is a summary of a report by Daniel Pipes, Director of Middle East Forum. :

<http://www.danielpipes.org>)

The Muslim population in Moscow is estimated at about 2.5 million but only has four mosques. The International Department Head of the Russian Union of Muftis has recently announced that, *"if the Russian authorities will offer an appropriate site for an additional mosque, Saudi King Abdullah would finance a mosque and Islamic cultural centre in Moscow."* Many Russians were horrified that another mosque might be opened in their capital. In response, the Union of Orthodox Citizens released an open letter to King Abdullah suggesting conditions for Moscow's fifth mosque:

As the Saudi government "is building mosques in dozens of Christian countries," it should give permission for Christians to build a church within Saudi borders. It is "very important" to lift restrictions against Christians visiting Mecca and Medina. Christian visitors to Saudi Arabia should be allowed to wear crosses. Courses about Christianity ... should be taught in Saudi Arabia schools. In exchange for the Saudis broadcasting television programs on Islam to the Russian Federation, "it would be just" to offer Saudi subjects "the opportunity to watch Russian Orthodox channels."

The Report stated that *"Muslim leaders tended to lie low during this dust-up, but ... the Head of the Muslim Spiritual Directorate of Russia commented that the each country's laws should determine what the followers of each faith can do. Building mosques in Russia, in other words, has nothing to do with opening churches in Saudi Arabia."*

The Editor invites your comments on implementing this strategy in Australia. In particular, should it form part of approved CDP Policy?

FWN EDITION

FEBRUARY ISSUE

The '**Family World News**' is a monthly Christian newspaper edited by Rev Fred Nile. Now in its 15th year of publishing, FWN's mission is to keep you informed of how Government and politics affect you and your family. In the [February 09 issue](#) just out , you'll read some excellent articles

<http://www.cdp.org.au/PresidentsPage/Family%20World%20News/February%202009.pdf>

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IEWS & REVIEWS

'Parliament House Fireproofed!'

By Judy Russell (Rev Fred Nile's Secretary)

I was delighted to witness and share with a Theatre full of people on Wednesday 3rd February 2009, when the Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, Christian Democratic Party Founder and President, hosted the Australian Premiere of Fireproof in the NSW Parliamentary Theatre. I joined with 140 people as they erupted into applause at the end of this very uplifting film.

Pastor Peter Rahme, the Christian Democratic Party Deputy President, introduced the film, which has touched the hearts and impacted the marriages of millions of moviegoers across the United States. It is now Australia's turn.

This wonderful feature-length film, starring Kirk Cameron, was action packed with the central theme of a love story that had the audience laughing, crying and sharing in the attempts to restore a marriage worth rescuing. The film has a positive theme of the beauty and gift of marriage as ordained by Almighty God - His design for marriage and relationships between a man and a woman, His ideal of a family in which to ultimately nurture and raise children. This is the Christian Democratic Party's policy on marriage and family.

A Fireproof package DVD and book is available for purchase for your Church or fellowship group or for a gift for someone you feel would benefit from such a presentation. Contact Pastor Peter Rahme via telephone 02 9745 5817 or fax 02 7746 6782 or Email editor@saltandlight.org.au for further details. This film is to be repeated on Friday 6th & 13th February at 7 pm at the Inner West Baptist Church, Cnr Exeter and Hornsey Roads, Homebush West (next door to the CDP's new Sydney office). (www.innerwestbaptist.org.au) Limited seating. ..Bookings essential via Pastor Peter Rahme. (0418 249 989)

Both Reverend Nile and Pastor Rahme are looking forward to presenting interesting, informative, monthly Christian Worldview Forums on the first Wednesday of the month in NSW Parliament House. It is anticipated that another excellent film premiere will be shown next month on 4th March at 12 Noon. More details of this next film, and future forums, can be Emailed or mailed to interested people. Excellent Christian leaders both international and local, singers and authors will be invited to take part in these Forums. Please advise Pastor Rahme of your contact details so that you can be fully informed and invited to these exciting meetings.

YOUR SAY

Dear Editor

*Someone has just sent me a sample of this new publication of salt and Light .
Its seems very good. We would like to receive it then and can share it with others*
Julie H

A great publication containing some appropriate and timely response to what has been nothing short of an irritation in regards to challenges to Fred's leadership!

*Well done! Keep up the good work
Len Kingston*

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*Happy New year Peter....Thanks for the Salt and Light Magazine
Tricia OKeefe*

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Dear editor

Thank you for the salt and light edition.please continue the good work...

*Best Regards
Cheryl F*

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Dear Fred and All

I confess I was always uncomfortable when I started receiving emails from Gordon Moyes out of my contact with you. For a while I accepted it as having your sanction but after some time I started to become bored with the content because it was so wordy and spoke of nothing but Gordon's efforts in his garden. I did in fact write to him to explain that I was very busy with my daily work life and did not really have time for waffle but asked him if he could come to the point of his emails more quickly otherwise they would be passed over as nuisance and consigned to the trash. I did however intimate that I would be disappointed if that was the end of communication with Fred Nile and parliament. Unfortunately his response waxed eloquently about how wonderful he was and so I asked to be removed from his list.

*I was delighted to hear from you again.
I love you Fred in Jesus Name you are a GOOD man.
Bruce F*

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Thanks Peter

It was good to read the other side as I had only read Gordon's. The truth has a way of being vindicated eventually, but the cost can be great meantime.

*Kind regards,
Mike B*

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Dear Peter,

*Congratulations on a great e-news
Greg B*

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PRAYER & BENEDICTION

(Ephesians 1:17-21)

.... "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto **you** the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of **your** understanding being enlightened;

that **you** may know what is the hope of his calling,
and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe,
according to the working of his mighty power,
Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead,
and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,
Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion,
and every name that is named,
not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:"

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly
above all that we ask or think,
according to the power that worketh in us,
Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus
throughout all ages, world without end.
Amen.

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