

# Speaking to the soul



## The future

Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 1 Peter 1:3-4

Many potential inheritances are eaten up by nursing home fees, or are lost through poor investments or changes in market conditions. In short, inheritances in this life are vulnerable and certainly cannot be relied upon. What a joy that this is completely different from our spiritual inheritance, which is absolutely guaranteed. Nothing can ever alter it.

Most people fail to enjoy today because they are so overwhelmed by problems from the past and fears about the future. The wonder of the Christian faith is that it enables us to live today to the full, knowing that God has set us free from the sins and failures of the past and given us a secure future. What could be better?

In his ministry, Jesus continually sought to give his followers confidence about the future. Just before he was crucified, he told them not to allow their hearts to be troubled, assuring them that there was more than enough room in his Father's home (John 14:1-2). We can be sure that, throughout our lives, fears about the future will come knocking at the door. Health concerns about ourselves or those we love can be very hard to cope with. Fears about safety or our financial provision may try to rob us of our peace. But as we face up to whatever challenges may be thrown at us, we need to keep our eyes fixed on the fact that our inheritance is completely secure. Nothing can ever take that away from us, so we can look to the future with peace and confidence.

## **QUESTION**

Do you feel confident about your future?

## **PRAYER**

Loving Father, help me to trust you completely and to find the peace that you want me to know. Amen

*Window - I will give you the Crown of Life*

