

His Grace Bishop Karas

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"We have seen a great mystery: We shall all be changed. We shall be raised in Christ. As we were buried with Christ. Death is swallowed up in victory.

The dwelling of God will be with His people. God will wipe every tear from their eyes; And Death shall be no more.
There shall be no mourning,
Neither crying nor pain;
Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
For the old things are disappearing.

Behold, I am making all things new. I am the Alpha and Omega, The beginning and the end." (Revelation 21)



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rieving is an act of love. To grieve the loss of a loved one is the highest honor we can give to that loved one. Death is a normalcy of life that eventually comes to all. We must all embrace our grief as gratitude to God for those who truly touch our lives and forever will be a part of us.

When a heart touching loss is dealt with in a healthy manner, our grieving becomes a bridge of love to the future. It is a future encompassing faith, hope, and love. A memory of those loved ones is the greatest memorial a person can erect of another. A living memorial founded on love and built on the promise of hope in the Lord Jesus Christ is everlasting.

We honor the one we love by challenging the grief and being determined to live a life in the Lord Jesus Christ that counts for others.

"Those who sowed in tears Shall reap with songs of joy." (Psalm 126)

It is my prayer that we will be inspired today and in the days to come by the life led by His Grace Bishop Karas.