

STRANGE BUT TRUE:

Now, but Not Yet

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Notes:

The kingdom of God came with Christ, but we do not feel or see its full effects. It is here now, but it is not yet fully realized. We see this tension come out especially clearly in the healing stories in the Gospels. Although Jesus heals some people, He does not heal all people. We see some amazing things now, but we are still waiting for the amazing things that are yet to come .

**Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see.**

– Hebrews 11:1 (NIV84)

**You do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.**

– 1 Corinthians 1:7 (NIV)

**By the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool, called Bethesda in Aramaic,
which has five colonnades. Within these lay a large number of the disabled**

– blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been
disabled for thirty-eight years.

– John 5:2-3, 5 (CSB)

**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first
earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. Then I heard a loud
voice from the throne: Look, God’s dwelling is with humanity, and he will
live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them
and will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death
will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the
previous things have passed away.**

– Revelation 21:1, 3-4 (NIV)

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My Next Step(s):

- I will live as a citizen of God’s Kingdom now, while I await its fulfillment.
- I will not expect heavenly perfection on earth in the here and now.
- I will look forward with hope until that day that our Lord Jesus is revealed.
- I will both give, and ask for, help with this world’s struggles.
- I will find my ultimate hope in Christ, rather than this world’s empty promises.

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