

~ Our Blessed Hope – The Return of Our Glorious King ~

Belgic Confession Article 37

The consideration of this judgment is justly terrible and dreadful to the wicked and ungodly, but most Desirable and Comfortable to the Righteous and Elect

- **Romans 8:28-39** (page 944)
1. We are comforted because we know that at the return of our king our full deliverance shall be perfected
 - **Hebrews 11:39-12:3** (page 1008)
 2. We are comforted because we know that at the return of our king we will receive the fruits of our labor and trouble which we have borne
 - **2 Thessalonians 1:5-12** (page 989)
 3. We are comforted because we know that at the return of our king our innocence will be known to all – and they shall see the terrible vengeance which God shall execute the wicked, who most cruelly persecuted, oppressed, and tormented them in this world, and who shall be convicted by the testimony of their own consciences, and shall become immortal, but only to be tormented in ‘the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels
 - **I Corinthians 1:4-9 (Our Innocence / Guiltlessness)** (page 952)
 - **Matthew 25:31-46 (Sheep / Goats)** (page 831)
 4. We are comforted because we know that at the return of our king the faithful and elect will be crowned with glory and honor
 - **I John 2:28-3:3** (page 1022)

5. We are comforted because we know that at the return of our king, the Son of God, will confess our names before God His Father and His Elect Angels
 - **Matthew 10:28-33** (page 815)

6. We are comforted because we know that at the return of our king all tears shall be wiped from our eyes
 - **Isaiah 25:6-9** (page 586)
 - **Revelation 21:1-5** (page 1041)

7. We are comforted because we know that at the return of our king, our cause, which is not condemned by many judges and magistrates as heretical and impious, will then be known to be the cause of the Son of God
 - **Matthew 5:10-12** (page 810)

8. We are comforted because we know that at the return of our king we will receive a gracious reward, the Lord will cause us to possess such glory as never entered into the heart of man to conceive.
 - **I Corinthians 1:26-2:14** (page 952-953)