## 2. The Promise

- a. expressed as a fact but not described in a concrete way...1 Peter 1:4-5
- b. expressed as a fact but not defined: Romans 8:17
- c. expressed as a truth to be fulfilled and given some definition Philippians 3:20-21
- d. expressed as a fact and defined in general terms 1 John 3:1-2, 1 Corinthians 15:51-54
- e. expressed as a fact and defined in a practical measure Matthew 5:5
- 3. The Authority
- 4. The Reality:
  - a. We presently groan...Romans 8
  - b. But our position is "with Him"
- 5. The Effect:
  - a. We value our stewardship 1 Corinthians 3, 4
  - b. We commit, Romans 12:1
  - c. We live

Ran 14:8

 Conclusion: Enjoy the life Christ gives you today and use it as a preparation for tomorrow when you will inherit with Him.

## D. The Promise of Help: powerful and precious

Psalm 55:22, 57:5; Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Peter 5:7

This is especially for the men's section of the OWLS retreat. How quickly we are burdened! Family problems, economic stress, health, church work, etc. There is a legitimacy to these things and we cannot just wish them away. But when they are weighing heavily on us they should not overwhelm us if we take the Lord