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# Living in the Light of the Future

Living in the Now and Not Yet

## Graham Beynon: Seminar 1

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### MAKE THE MOST OF THIS SEMINAR

This seminar is the first in a series of two. You can watch the seminars on your own or with your church, small group, or friends. There is a handout to accompany the seminar (<https://tinyurl.com/3v2epbwp>). The questions/reflections below may help you discuss and work through how to apply what you've learnt to your own life. Start the video and then pause it when suggested to look at the question(s).

### WATCH THE VIDEO:

Seminar 1:  
<https://tinyurl.com/e5r4yaah>



To watch the video, scan the QR code or go to @KeswickConvention on YouTube and search for Graham Beynon

### SEMINAR OUTLINE

We live between Jesus' death and resurrection, and his return. We belong to the new world Jesus is bringing, but we still live in the old world that is decaying. We delight in the blessings of the gospel now but look forward to all that is yet to come. This is the tension of the 'now' and the 'not yet'. We'll explore how that explains our experience of life now, how it shapes how we live, and how it motivates us to press on.

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### QUESTIONS

Watch the video and pause it at 18:58 minutes.

1. How do you think Old Testament believers would have felt knowing the biblical expectations for the future?

Restart video at 18:58 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/4knvs4j8>) and watch until 36:54 minutes.

2. Give an example of over-realized and under-realized eschatology.

Restart video at 36:54 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/3sfy42hz>) and watch until the end.

3. We are living in the overlap of the ages. In terms of our Christian experience, share examples of:
  - Things we have completely and are not waiting for
  - Things we have in part
  - Things we are still waiting for
4. How does the idea of living between the 'now' but 'not yet' help you make sense of:
  - Your suffering
  - Your unanswered questions
  - Your continued struggle with sin
  - Your hope
  - Your identity
5. What does it look like to rejoice in what we already have and, at the same time, have a godly dissatisfaction with our life now?
6. How does the picture of living between grace and glory encourage and/or challenge you?





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## REFLECTION/PRAYER

- What evidence do you see of the Holy Spirit at work in you and in the lives of believers around you? Praise God that the deposit of his Spirit is a promise that he will finish his work. His grace in the past guarantees the glory to come.
- This week meditate on Colossians 3:1-5. What does it mean to be 'future people living in the present'? How will your heavenly identity shape your actions this week?
- Do you have a Christian friend who under-realizes eschatology? Think of practical ways you could encourage them to see the difference that Jesus makes to life now?





# Living in the Light of the Future

Living Looking Forward

## Graham Beynon: Seminar 2

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### MAKE THE MOST OF THIS SEMINAR

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### WATCH THE VIDEO:

**Seminar 2:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/5fpyzb2x>



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### SEMINAR OUTLINE

We know Jesus is returning - but we don't know when (or do we?). How do we live in the regularity of life now while still looking forward to his return? How do we take part in life now, while remembering what is to come? What did Jesus say about living while waiting and keeping watch? We'll explore these key questions and discover how to live looking forward.

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### QUESTIONS

*Watch the video and pause it at 24:57 minutes.*

1. Is your tendency to expect Jesus' return or to forget about it?
2. Reread Mark 13:1-27. In what ways is the fall of Jerusalem a small-scale precursor of what will happen when Jesus returns?

*Restart video at 24:57 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/5fe5b4dy>) and watch until 33:21 minutes.*

3. How does interpreting world events as spectacular rather than normal impact our understanding of and preparation for Christ's return?

*Restart video at 33:21 minutes (<https://tinyurl.com/4nnvcyey>) and watch until the end.*

4. What does Jesus teach in Luke 12:35-48 about:
  - How we are to wait.
  - The rewards for waiting well.
5. How does your church help keep your focus on Christ's return? What else could church communities do to express hope for the future?
6. Share examples of what it looks like to wait for Jesus' return patiently and expectantly.





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## REFLECTION/PRAYER

- This week, meditate on 2 Peter 3:1-18. Pray that as you wait for God to fulfil his promise of a new heaven and a new earth you would, 'make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him...[and] grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'
- As a group, pray for each other and the specific tasks God has given you to do while you wait for Jesus' return.
- Are you living in such a way that you would be happy if Jesus returned today? Talk and pray with a friend about what it means for you to wait patiently and expectantly.
- If you would like to explore this topic more read, 'Last Things First' by Graham Beynon.

