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It is the privilege of every believer in Christ to **confidently laugh at the future**. We have been guaranteed a bright, eternal future. We have been guaranteed eternal security (John 6:37-40; 10:27-30). We have the sure promise of God that the future ("things to come") cannot separate us from the love of God (Rom. 8:38-39). In fact, in 1 Corinthians 3:22 we learn that we possess the future! It is ours! The future belongs to us. The term "predestination" is used in Romans 8:29 to teach us that God has marked out a glorious future for every believer.

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