

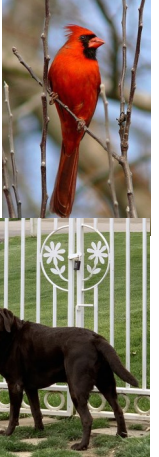


It's Spring in West Virginia! New Life is bursting forth -- just as it does faithfully every Spring season!



There are so many shades of green! Flowers are bursting forth in their glorious splendor: Yellow Daffodils sway in glory; Purple and Pink Hyacinths reach up to the sky, and the precious Crocuses open their mouths in great praise of color!

The birds have returned! It's always exciting to see that first Robin! Then, we know that Spring is here! While the radiant Mr. Cardinal does stay through the winter, he makes his presence known much more often when Spring arrives. The little multi-colored Swallows are selecting which house they will take up residence. **AND ALL ARE SINGING!** Every morning they sing as the sun rises to our Creator GOD's glorious promise of a new day!



What a picture of life lived in beauty and praise! Cody, our dog, loves Spring too!

**GOD's creatures sing praises through song and brilliant color to the glory of their Creator!**  
 "YOU alone are the LORD. YOU have made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. YOU give life to all of them and the heavenly host bows down before YOU." (Nehemiah 9:6)

And they worry not (Matthew 6:25-34)! They trust in GOD their Creator!

Yes, the world is corrupted by sin! Yes, there are dangers and uncertainties everywhere! Birds are always alert to dangerous predators; Grass is susceptible to weeds; Flowers can be cut or trampled... But that doesn't stop them from doing what GOD created them to do:

**Sing songs of praise! Burst forth in fragrant aroma and colorful glory! Radiate life! Bring joy to others!**

### **THERE IS A LESSON FOR THE CHRISTIAN HERE!**

In this world, we are all susceptible to MANY dangers and to the constant snares of sin. We all experience MANY trials and tears. BUT, this world is not the true Christian's home!

**The born-from-above Christian is a New Creation!** We have been born again into the family of GOD through the death and resurrection of the LORD JESUS CHRIST! Old things have passed away; behold, new things have come (2 Corinthians 5:17)! GOD is now our Father (John 1:12)! We have been adopted into HIS forever family (Ephesians 1:5)! Heaven is where our true and eternal home is (John 14:2-3)! We have been buried with CHRIST and raised to walk in **Newness of Life** (Romans 6:4)!

Our eternal home has streets of pure gold!  
 There is no death, mourning, crying or pain!  
 There is no more night! There is no sin!  
 The Throne of GOD is there! JESUS is there!  
 All of heaven and our eternal family praises HIM Who lives forever and ever saying,  
 "Worthy are YOU, our LORD and our GOD, to receive  
 glory and honor and power; for YOU created all things,  
 and because of YOUR will they existed, and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

Heaven is our true home! GOD is our Father! JESUS CHRIST is our Savior and Lord Who is with us always! The HOLY SPIRIT of Truth is our abiding Helper and Comforter. Knowing this, let's arise each morning with hands and hearts lifted high to our Creator and sing praises to Triune GOD!



Let not your heart be troubled; trust GOD in CHRIST JESUS! (John 14:1)  
 Radiate the Life of CHRIST and Shine HIS glory of Light and Hope!  
 Emit the Fragrant Aroma of CHRIST and Bring the Joy of CHRIST to Others!  
 Trust your GOD and Father -- the Creator and Sustainer of True, Eternal Life!  
**Let everything that has breath PRAISE THE LORD! HALLELUJAH!** (Psalm 150:6)



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