

OUR HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE (THOUGH WE DID NOT GET TO SAY GOOD-BYE)

--Irma B. Williams

We did not get to say good-bye to our precious granddaughter, Kristina. The telephone rang early Monday morning of January 30, 2017 and the message was, "Kristina passed." She passed in her sleep at thirty-seven years old. Our family knew she had had three back surgeries and a neck surgery, and she was in pain; but we did not realize the scope of what she was experiencing.

Kristina had visited with me many times asking that I pray with her. She too believed those who invite Jesus into their lives would live forever with Him. I found consolation knowing Kristina's soul and spirit were alive with the Lord Jesus. As I prayed and read the Word, I felt the Lord grieving with me; but, still my heart was torn, and I did not get to say good-bye.

In looking through some items a few weeks ago, I found a two-and-a-half page letter that Kristina had written to me on my eightieth birthday. As I read the letter, I felt the warmth of her love. Could this be her good-bye to me?

Hi Mimi,

I know you did not want a card from us. So I thought I would write you a letter about how you have been a wonderful part of my life for 36 years, and you still are to this day.... You have taught me to try not to worry so much cause you promised me God was on my side and loves me...You would pray with me ANYTIME I needed it no matter what time of the day it is...I pray you have many more years, but let them be healthy years. You are so beautiful...

Happy 80th Birthday Mimi, I love you so much.

Then two weeks ago I dreamed I saw Kristina encircled in billows of white clouds of ethereal glory coming toward me and our family members; she was smiling with her blond hair and blue eyes shining! She was as eager to see me and our family as we were to see her. I believe that is the way it will be when we meet again--our pain and the regrets of not getting to say our good-byes will all be forgotten. Heaven is so much dearer than it was before, for we have a treasure on the other shore, and together all will be glorious in the presence of our Lord Jesus, the Resurrection of Life Eternal.