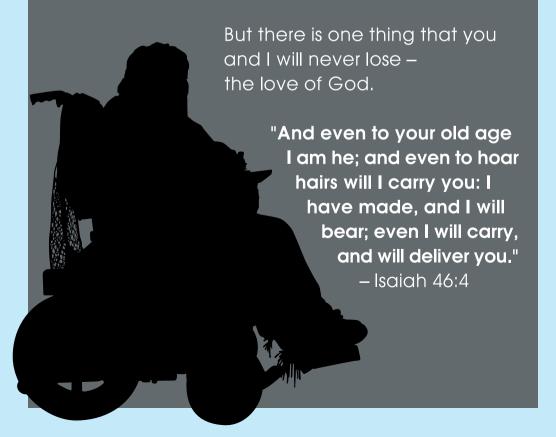


Growing old is about losses.

We devote most of our early life to acquiring things but they are merely things we will lose as we age.

We lose our strength, our looks, our friends, our job. We may lose our wealth, our home, our health, our spouse, our independence and perhaps the greatest loss of all,

our sense of dignity and self-worth.



Not a day passes without a reminder that our earthly life can end at any moment. All we need to do is to read the obituary column. One message comes through loud and clear: We're here today but we may be gone tomorrow!

"For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

-James 4:14

Is our only certainty then, the sobering prospect that death may strike us at any moment? No! Christ is the anchor of our soul. Our sins separate us from God and requires judgment but Jesus paid the penalty for our sins on the cross. If we admit our guilt before God, we will receive forgiveness and eternal life by trusting Him. He has promised to remain with us, even in the hour of death. Nothing is sadder than an aging person facing eternity without Jesus. And nothing is sweeter than a gently mellowing Christian, still growing and resting on Christ as he faces God's tomorrow with confidence.

The crucial question is: Have we admitted our sins and trusted Jesus as our Saviour? If we have, then when our time comes to die, we'll be in heaven with Jesus at the next sunrise.

