

The CFAMC Devotional Page, July-August, 2013

I had my choice of about a million things to write about in these last two months, but finally it all came together as I was going through a massive collection of haunting photographs.

Somebody posted online a little while ago that the whole purpose of life for a man is to build monuments and leave a legacy for his family. There are just two problems with that.

Grande Ballroom Interior 2010, in Detroit, Michigan,
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Detroit ... Motor City ... Motown. Who would have ever thought, in the heyday of the American-produced automobile, or in the day of some of the most famous music in the world, that it would come to bankruptcy and the abandonment and ruin of large parts a major American city?

As for legacy...

Proverbs 10:7 – The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

The world abounds with reminders: nearly everything man has built to glorify himself has fallen into decay and out of memory eventually. And what has not yet fallen into decay has a set time for oblivion as well, as God will take a direct hand in the matter:

II Peter 3:9-12

9. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
10. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
11. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,
12. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

But the things God intends to glorify Him forever will do so – including us.

II Peter 3:13-14

13. Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
14. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

As we settle into the last half of 2013, let us be reminded when we practice our various gifts – whatever legacy we want to leave in this year will have to be created in accordance with our position in Christ, by the leading of His Holy Spirit. God is forever working out His story (the true meaning of the word “history”) – we have the blessed privilege of being eager, effective partners in His work. Let's take advantage of that blessed privilege, from here into eternity!

Otherwise, it's all just a dance in that grand ballroom I posted the photograph of...