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Dear Friends of Rolling Acres,

There sure is a lot of press that surrounds the Academy Awards each year. This year's event was held this past Sunday evening. Yet, in some ways, it's the same every year. Movies and actors/actresses are nominated for an "Oscar." There is much hype leading up to the event. Then when the day arrives, there is much attention bestowed to "who" wears "what" made by "whom." After a long evening with the occasional funny joke (depending on the host), the big awards of best actor, best female actor, and best picture are awarded. This is Hollywood's prime time event of honoring its own. It's a star studded evening. For many it is the ultimate night; the crowning achievement in their career.

That all will pale in comparison to this statement from Paul, "When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." (Col. 3:4, ESV) Did you read that? WE will appear with HIM in GLORY!\* (\*=not the Denzel Washington Civil War movie.) And while the movies that Hollywood makes are fiction, this is real. This is truth. Jesus has promised His glory for those who love Him, believe in Him, and long for His appearing (II Tim. 4:8). Now that's something to be excited about. That's worth telling other people about. When we arrive there with Him, we'll be clothed with the most fashionable garments yet: His clothes of righteousness. (designer made, of course.) The focus will be on Jesus as He is the "Beloved Savior" and "The Holy One of God". Any awards we might receive, a.k.a. crowns, we'll put at His feet for His Glory. For He has kindly shared His glory with us. So let's stop our grumbling like "Oscar" the Grouch, and we'll shine like the stars He has created us to be (Php.2:15, NIV).

Come out this Sunday as we give Jesus advance praise for His Passion.

Pastor Andy

God's blessings to you!

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