

Welcome to Women's Bible Study!

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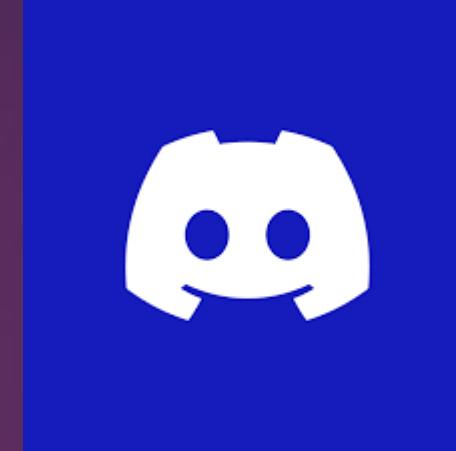
*“WALKING IN
HOLINESS AND FEAR”*

One Day (When We All Get To Heaven)

THE WORSHIP INITIATIVE

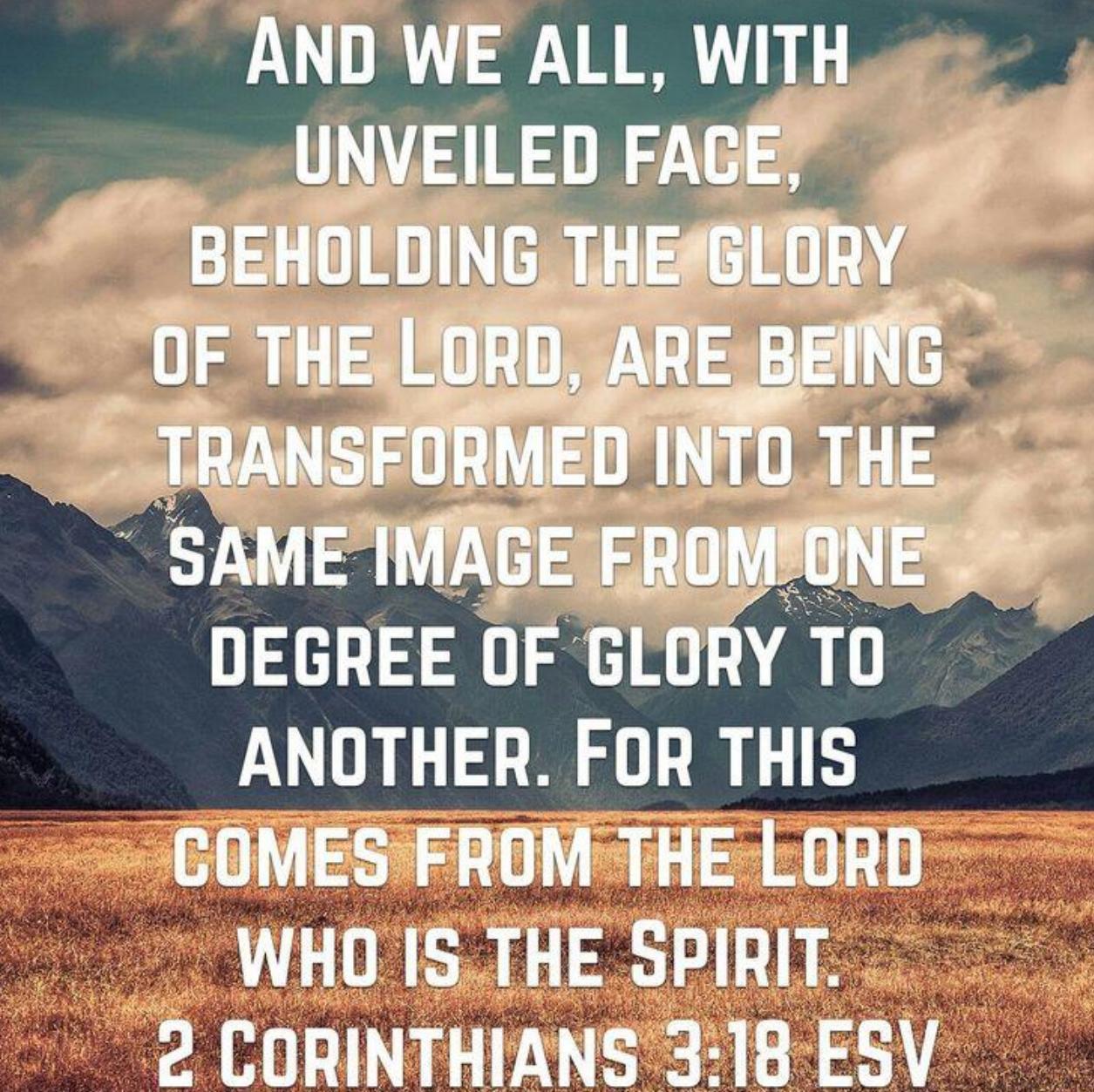
Welcome!

How to connect/Resources:



2 CORINTHIANS

MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU,
FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.



AND WE ALL, WITH
UNVEILED FACE,
BEHOLDING THE GLORY
OF THE LORD, ARE BEING
TRANSFORMED INTO THE
SAME IMAGE FROM ONE
DEGREE OF GLORY TO
ANOTHER. FOR THIS
COMES FROM THE LORD
WHO IS THE SPIRIT.
2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 ESV

Review

Author: Paul

Purpose: After a strained relationship with them that included a letter of correction (1 Corinthians), a painful visit, and a severe letter of rebuke, they have repented so Paul is writing to help rebuild their relationship, address some ongoing issues (Super Apostles), and tell them how to prepare for his upcoming visit.



Ongoing Issues in Corinth

- *Paul's changing travel plans*
- *The unfinished collection*
- *Ongoing immorality*
- *Paul's apostleship*
- *“Super Apostles”*
- *Preparation for his 3rd and final visit.*



Outline:

1. *Overview and Introduction/Comfort in Affliction*
(1:1-11)
2. *Paul's personal defense-His Commendation is from God* (1:12-3:18)
3. *Paul's defense of his ministry-Do not lose heart* (4-5)
4. *Paul's Appeal-God's grace is not in vain* (6-7)
5. *Call to complete the collection for the saints* (8-9)
6. *Paul's apostolic authority over the “super apostles”*
(10:1-11:15)
7. *Boasting in weakness/His power made perfect* (11:16-12:13)
8. *Preparation for Paul's third visit/Closing* (12:14-13:14)

Summary:

1:1-11-*Introduction (Sept.)*

1:12-7:16-*Paul's defense: Personal and Ministry (Oct., Nov., Dec.)*

8-9-*Giving generously (Jan.)*

10:1-12:13-*The rebellious minority (Feb. March)*

12:14-13:10-*Preparations for a third visit (April)*

13:11-14-*Final Greetings (April)*



2 Corinthians 1:1-11:

Introduction

Blessing/Benediction

Paul's trials and afflictions

→ *We are comforted in Christ in order to comfort others.*



2 Corinthians 1:12-3:18

Paul's defense of his travel plans

God leads in triumphal procession in Christ

*We are the aroma of Christ-aroma of death vs.
aroma of life*

Old Covenant vs. New Covenant

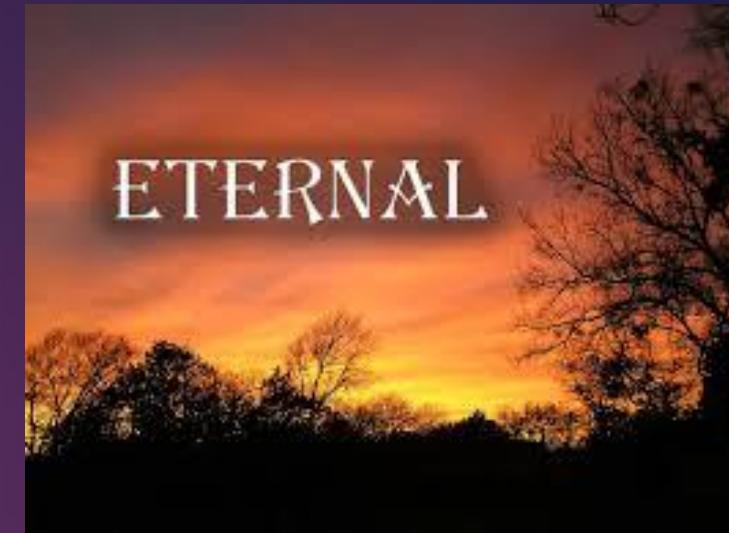
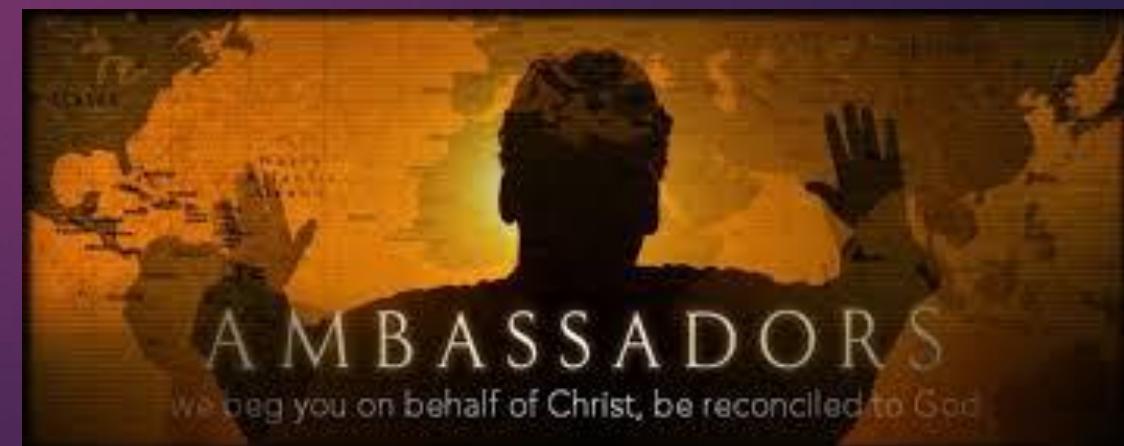
→ We become what we behold.



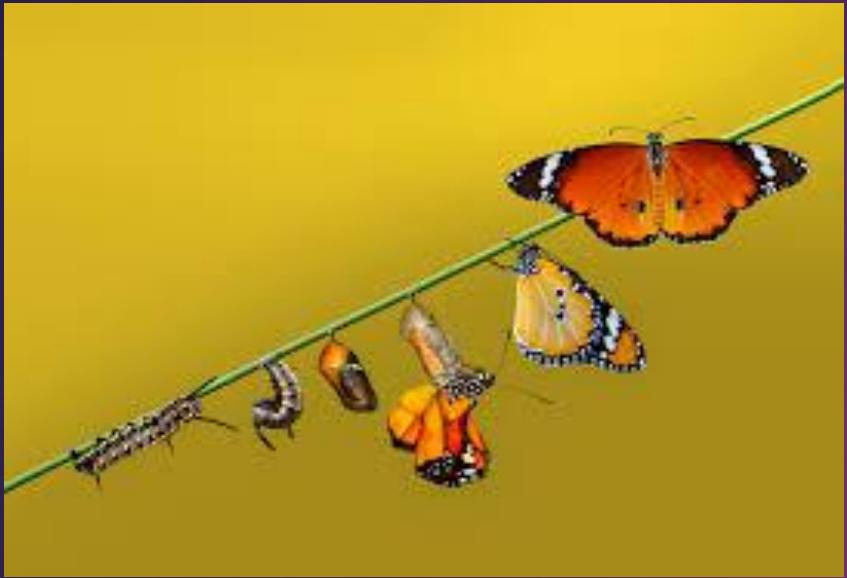
Summary of 2 Corinthians 4-5



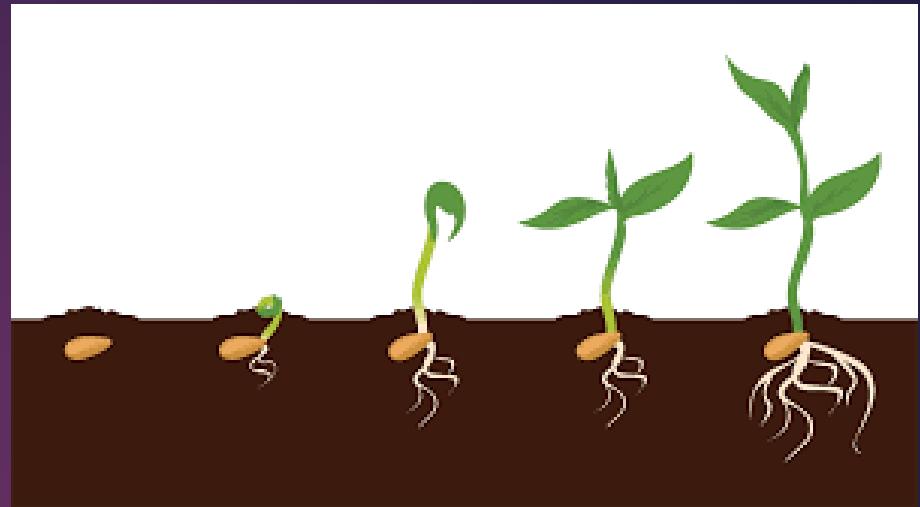
→Our frailty
magnifies
God's power
and the glory of
Christ.



Temporary State vs Eternal State



Heavenly
bodies



Group Discussion

Study Guide

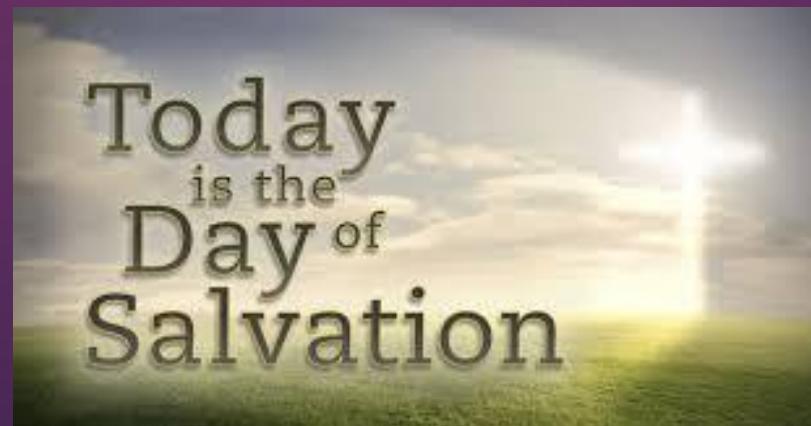
Teaching-2 Corinthians 6-7

“Welcomed by God, we walk in holiness and godly repentance in the fear of the Lord.”

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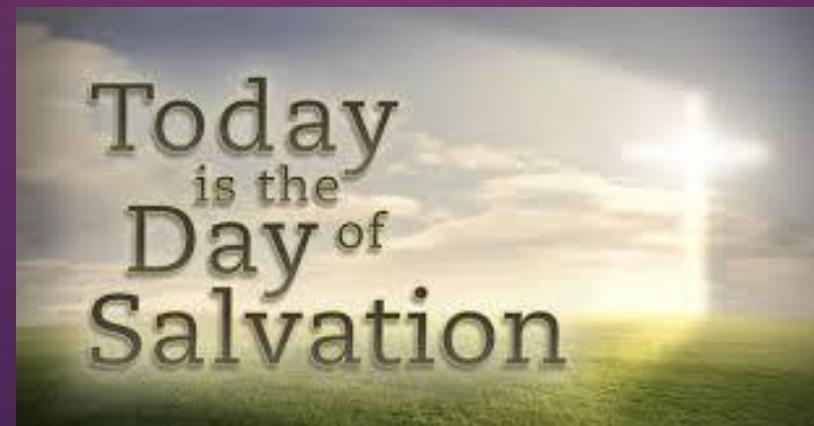
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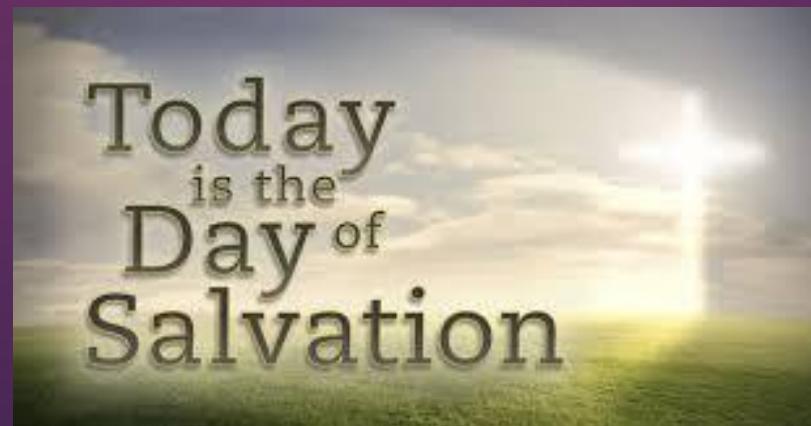
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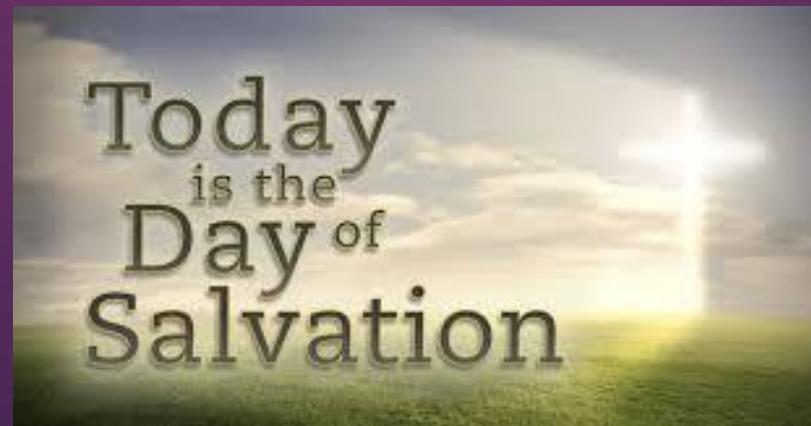
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→ While the apostolic age has come to an end now, as God's servants speak the authoritative Word of God, they do continue to speak with real authority as they implore people to be reconciled to God. But they are bound by the authoritative Word of God.



3 We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; 7 by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8 through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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→What is your resume? Would your life reflect Christ's sacrifice, trials, and afflictions and would your endurance in those trials through the Holy Spirit's enabling validate that you are His?



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*and I will be their God,
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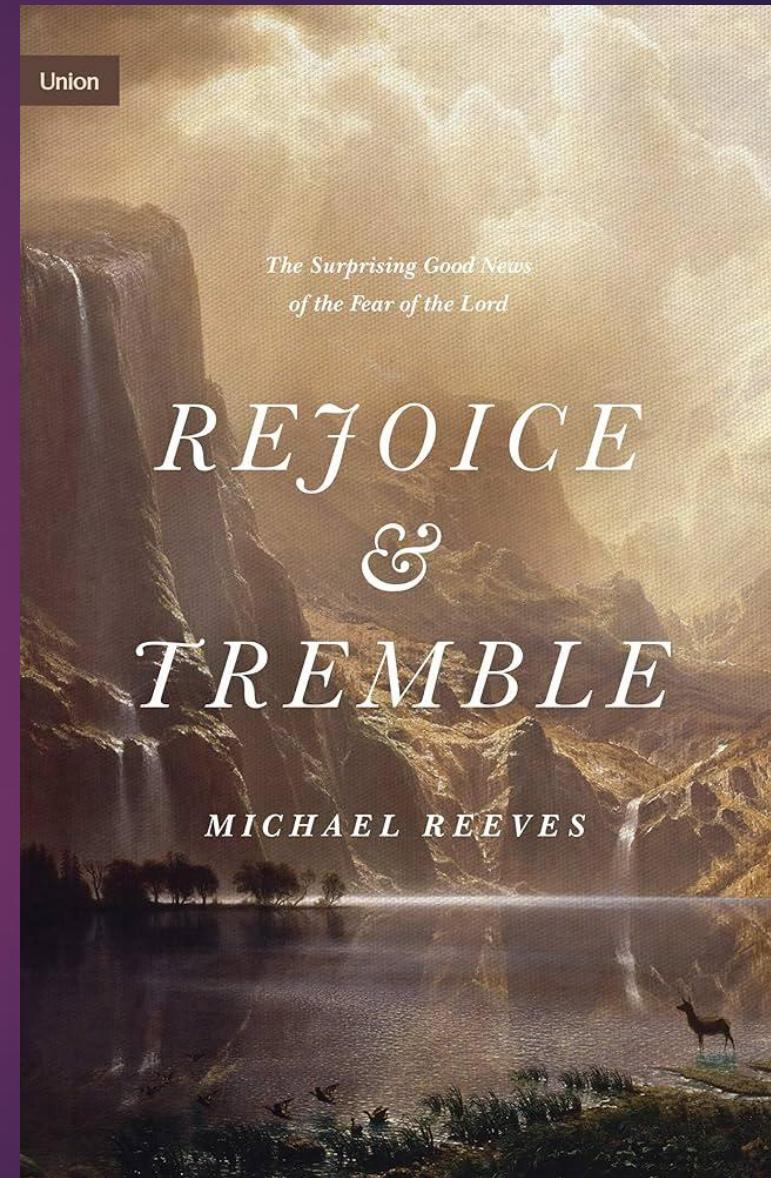
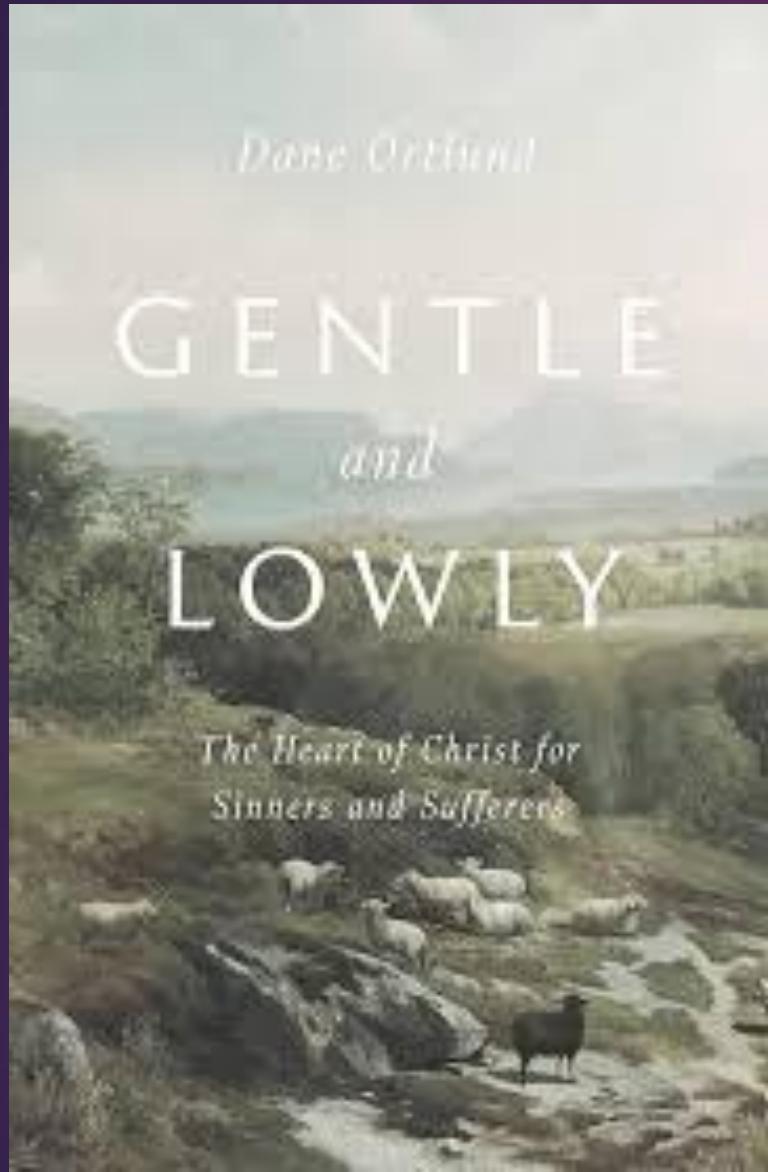


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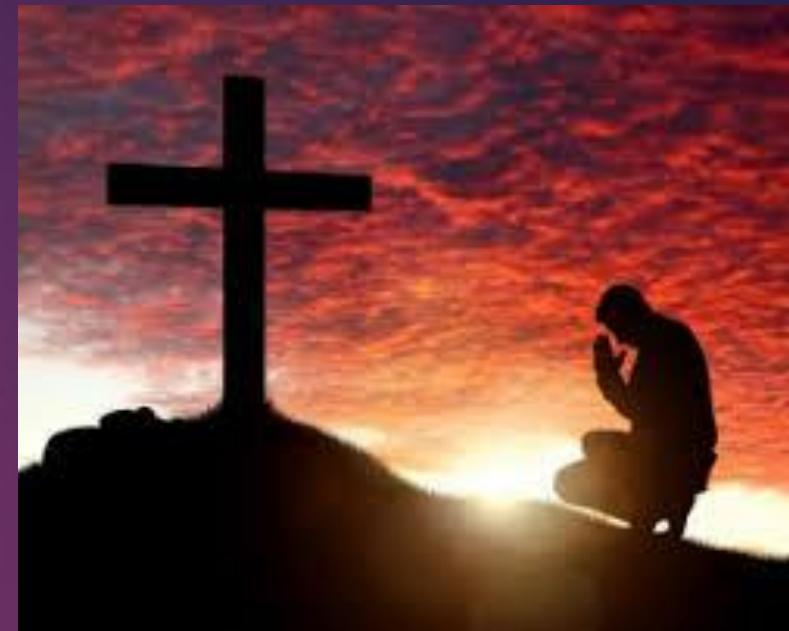
Godly Grief

Turns towards God
Without regret
Produces repentance unto salvation
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Worldly Grief

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→ ALL sin brings grief. But not all grief is godly.
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The enemy doesn't care if we are self-righteous
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Application:

1. *Do not receive God's grace in vain.*
2. *Hardship is part of our commendation.*
3. *We are called to be separate from the idols of the world.*

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4. *Because of God's precious promises, we are to bring holiness to completion in the fear of the Lord*
5. *All sin brings grief but godly grief over our sin will produce repentance.*

Discussion/Sharing Time

1. *How might we receive God's grace in vain or in a way that is meaningless?*
2. *Looking at the list of what is perceived of us vs ultimate reality, which one stands out to you? How can you look to the reality behind what you are experiencing?*
3. *Where do you need to separate yourself from unbelievers' practices of idolatry? How do we walk our holiness, bringing it to completion? What does it mean for you to fear the Lord?*
4. *Do we have true godly grief over our sin, or do we primarily walk in worldly grief? When was the last time you confessed your sin before God? Do we fear and tremble before God?*

Summary

Closing Thoughts

→ *Welcomed by God,
we walk in holiness
and godly repentance
in the fear of the
Lord.*





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Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)



Homework:

- *Join Discord!*
- *Read 2 Corinthians 8-9 and work on the study guide. (To be sent soon) Finish 2 Corinthians 6-7 study guide*
- *Next Study: Tuesday, January 27 (4th Tues)*

