
GROWING IN THE MIND OF CHRIST AND FACING TEMPTATIONS

Almighty God we come to you today to give you thanks for this opportunity to meet together. We are gathered together to learn from your word and to watch and review what is happening in the world around us; to observe the fulfillment of your end-time prophecies that are setting the stage for the second coming of your Son, Yeshua the Messiah, back to this earth. We pray that you will help us to get ready and be spiritually prepared in every way to welcome our Redeemer in faith with great joy and open arms. Pour out your Spirit on your people in great measure that we may do your works through your Spirit of power in us. We know that we are not saved by our own human strength but by your Spirit which is the spirit of power, love and of a sound mind.

Protect our minds with your truth and with your angels of glory that we might have entrance in your kingdom at the soon coming of our Lord and Savior. Bless our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend your words of truth, and open our eyes to see and give us a humble heart to serve with our innermost being. Write your law on our hearts and in our minds that we might glorify you with all that we do—morning, noon and night. Help us to meditate on your word continually and make us strong with the gift of boldness and courage to serve you without compromise or fear with pure and sincere motives. Enable us to show love to others and a strong witness for you in this world that has gone astray into deception. Father we pour our hearts out to you, and ask your blessing on your people. We petition that you will enlighten those who, for whatever reason, do not see your truth and belittle and persecute those who are serving you. We ask these things in the name of Yeshua, our Savior. Amen!

Welcome, everyone, it is time for Sabbath Bible study. Almost 2000 years ago, Paul wrote in **Romans 13:10** (NKJ)—“**Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.**” **Mark 12:30-31** (NKJ)—one of the teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Which is the most important commandment of all?” Jesus answered: “The first of all the commandments is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: and you shall love the Lord your God with ALL your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength’: this is the first commandment (Deuteronomy 6:4). The second like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Love is the fulfillment of the law of God. Realizing this man’s understanding, Jesus said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” We are also drawing closer to that time of Christ’s return and the coming Kingdom of God. **Romans 13:11-13**—“And do this, knowing (understanding) the present time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, and the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly (behave decently) in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and lust, not in strife and envy. But clothe yourself with (put on) the Lord Jesus Christ (his character—become like Christ)) and make no provisions for the flesh to fulfill its lusts.” Do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Become the new creature that

God is creating in us, the new man, made like unto Christ and God—the spiritual image of Christ and of God.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13—“Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he falls.” Any one of us could be tempted.” No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man: but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape that you may be able to bear it.” There will be temptations, trials and tests around you, but God will make a way out so that you can stand up under it; so that you will not give in to it—a way of escape—overcome. **2 Corinthians 2:7**—“If anyone has caused your grief, he has not so much grieved me, as he has grieved all of you. The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. Now instead you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed (swallowed up) by excessive sorrow. Reaffirm your love for him. The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. Verse 11—Lest Satan should take advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his devices.” Satan sows division and discord every moment of the day to divide and conquer setting one person against another.

This is true today. It appears to me that the people in God’s church are divided and running each other down, and trying to destroy each other’s reputation on whatever one can think of. I think God must have blinded their mind so that they are unable to see this because they are not repentant enough and in humility searching the scriptures to prove basic doctrine. They are dutifully following everything that Herbert Armstrong taught and not daring to question or change anything he said and taught to the church. I appreciated what I learned and the training received furthering my ability in writing at Ambassador College and used in God’s work. During the time I was in college and then later an employed young writer working there, I thought God was doing a great work through H.W. Armstrong. As I began to see what was going on behind closed doors and read the reports written by ex-ministers and the well-documented *Ambassador Report* by John Trecheck I was really disappointed. Then as I came to see that the church was not what it was supposed to be and became aware of the sins happening in high places among some of the top ministers that were being swept under the carpet. Worse than that, I came to see and prove that some of the doctrines taught by the church were not the truth.

The church became filled with division, strife and enmity and Joe Tkach became the new pastor general after Armstrong’s death and the church membership followed him back into mainstream apostasy and deception with sweeping doctrinal changes including eating of unclean meats, Sunday worship, and no annual festivals. The church split. It was amazing to me that anybody stayed with him in that apostasy. God said that there would be a great apostasy in the end of days. We are living in that time right now. Satan is working effectively and dividing the people of God. Everyone needs to examine themselves and make sure of their own salvation. **1 Peter 5:8**—“be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour**. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brethren in the world.” That means you and me!

Ephesians 5:1-8 (NIV)— “Be imitators of God, and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality or of any kind of impurity, or of greed because these are improper for God’s holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure, no immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolator—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. **Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things, God’s wrath comes upon those who are disobedient.**” Empty words may sound good, perhaps even eloquent and enticing. Consider the source and

also what they are really saying. **Verse 7**—“therefore, do not be partakers with them (false teachers or worldly society around us). For you were once in darkness, but now you are light (have the truth in Christ). Don’t join in with them and become part of it. Walk in the light (not darkness as before) as children of light with understanding and truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly (NIV).” **Verse 9**—“For the Spirit of truth is in all goodness (righteousness), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord, learning the will of God in every situation.” **John 17:17** – “**THY WORD IS TRUTH.**” **Ps. 119:151, 172**—“All your commandments are righteousness” (truth).

2 Corinthians 2:11—we need to be aware of Satan’s devices, lest he take advantage of us. When it comes to the word of God we need to be very conscientious and careful. Prove all things. Line upon line, word upon word, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little – putting it all together and coming to a righteous conclusion. **2 Timothy 2:15**—“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” **2 Timothy 4: 2**—“Preach the word. Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching.” Be diligent to keep your head in all situations. Be patient and make the best use of your time. **1 John 1:3, 5**—“God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his son Jesus Christ. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanses us from all sin.” In order to do this, we have to be studying, reviewing and meditating on God’s word (truth, righteousness, and law) because that is the keystone and foundation of righteousness. After doing all these things, we need to have no fellowship with the *unfruitful works of darkness* of this world, but instead expose them. The margin in my Bible says *reprove* them.

Our government administration is becoming more empowered to lead people astray and punishes those who are not in agreement. New York (*The Blaze/AP 1/23/14*)—“A conservative scholar and author known recently for his critical works on President Barack Obama has been indicted in New York on charges he violated campaign finance laws. Federal prosecutors announced the charges Thursday against Dinesh D’Souza, who made the anti-Obama documentary “*2016: Obama’s America*.” He’ll be arraigned Friday on charges he directed \$20,000 in illegal straw donor contributions to be made in the New York Senate race in 2012. The funds allegedly headed to the Wendy Long campaign that unsuccessfully ran for Hillary Clinton’s U.S. Senate seat. D’Souza, educated conservative commentator, author of several *New York Times* best selling books and film director, found out he was being investigated by the feds (IRS) in the mid-2013. This was just months after his anti-Obama documentary earned roughly \$33 million at the box office, according to the Hollywood Reporter.” The film has become the second most popular political documentary in U.S. history. The film based on his 2010 book, *The Roots of Obama’s Rage*, both of which posit that Barack Obama’s attitude toward America derives from his father’s anti-colonialism and from a desire to fulfill his father’s dream of diminishing the power of Western Imperial states.

D’Souza, was born in Bombay (now Mumbai), India, and immigrated to the U.S. as an exchange student. He is a very gifted man. I have read his book, *The Roots of Obama’s Rage*, which examines Barack Obama’s anti-white, anti-colonial heritage and attitude which he got from his father and others as he grew up in a Muslim home and became anti-American. America has colonized (Guam, Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, and liberated Cuba in 1898 from Spain). So America is one of the world’s colonial powers like Great Britain, France, and even Germany had some colonies in Africa. My wife and I saw the D’Souza documentary which is a very powerful film that came out before Obama’s election in 2012. Obama stole the election anyway and used the IRS to intimidate and derail the Tea Party by 2012.

News —Islamist Trojan Horse? (1.24.14)—“U.S. could allow up to 30,000 Syrians to resettle in America. In a potentially dangerous move, the Obama Administration is working to secure the resettling of

thousands of Syrian refugees within the United States. While liberals applaud the move as an essential humanitarian effort, conservatives remain skeptical with several valid reasons. Syria has not been America's friend. Those who are fighting the Syrian government are mostly Al Qaeda terrorists and their rebels. America is pretending that some of these are really not extremist murderers who decapitate Christians. Bizarre as it may seem, President Bashar Assad of Syria has maintained stability in his country for decades and protected the Christians from Muslim violence. Now that Al Qaeda has started Civil War, Christians are being beheaded, stoned, tortured, and having their houses and churches burning down and generally being wiped out. How can the American government support such barbaric behavior?

Article- Charles Goyette –“Could 9/11 Happen Again?” (1/25/14) — “For more than 50 years, the CIA has believed, as the old slogan has it, that “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.” That’s why throughout the 1980’s, the CIA shipped advanced Stinger anti-aircraft weapons to Islamic terrorist groups fighting the Soviet Union – weapons that were eventually used to shoot down U.S. helicopters and kill American soldiers. But what if it turns out that the enemy of my enemy is not my friend...but also my enemy? What then? That is a lesson that the Obama Administration is about to learn.” You know that we could have two enemies fighting one another, but, they can both hate America. Just because one is fighting the other, it does not make either one our friend. Why are we so blind? This stupidity goes back generations to World War II and Nazi Germany. America befriended the U.S.S.R. because they were enemies of Nazi Germany. So what happened? We built up the Soviet Union and after the war they became our enemy in what was called the “Cold War”. Russia began developing nuclear bombs and weapons enslaving Eastern Europe and Stalin put over 25 millions of Russians to death as he consolidated his tyrannical dictatorship. So the enemy of our friend was also our enemy.

“A shocking new video entitled *Treason in the White House* reveals that the Obama Administration has spent the last four years secretly shipping advanced anti-aircraft weapons to Islamic fundamentalists in Egypt, Libya and Syria. *Treason in the White House* reveals that these weapons are being transferred from so-called “moderate” Islamic groups to Al-Qaeda affiliated terrorist organizations sworn to destroy the United States. Put simply, the Obama Administration is directly or indirectly secretly re-arming Al-Qaeda types and their allies who hate Americans with some of the deadliest weapons in the U.S. military arsenal.” How have the American people been so deceived? Satan has deceived the whole world, our nation, and our people.

Proverbs 28:1-2 (NKJ) —“The wicked flee when no one pursues: but the righteous are bold as a lion. Because of the transgression of a land many are its princes (rulers); but by a man of understanding and knowledge, right shall be prolonged.” I feel this is what happened in the case of Ariel Sharon, the minister of Israel. He was a dynamic soldier who fought for and maintained the safety of Israel's borders and people and was known as the lion of Israel. But he became more moderated and pragmatic in dealing as the Prime Minister, and began to appease and deal with America and President Bush, forcing Israelis to withdraw from their homes on the Gaza strip. Shortly after that, his star was eclipsed by a severe stroke that left him in a coma for the following eight years until his death on January 10, 2014. Rabbi Kaduri in Israel shook the Jewish world by his prophecy stating that Yeshua would come in this age after the death of Sharon and his name would be Yehosha=Yeshua (Jesus in English).

Isaiah 58:1—“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins.” **John 17: 17—**Christ lifted up his eyes to heaven and prayed to the Father for those that shall believe in me, “Sanctify them through your truth: **thy word is truth.**” To understand what the word of God is, we need to know the word of God as it is written (study the scriptures and write them in your memory). Moses and four million Israelites arrived at the Red Sea in front of them and were trapped between the Sea and Pharaoh's army. Israel cried out to the Lord, who

said “GO FORWARD!” This meant stepping into the Sea in faith. Judah was the first person who took a leap of faith and waded in. When the water reached came up to his neck, the water began to part. A strong east wind began to blow and formed two giant walls of water, one on the right and one on the left that cleared a pathway to walk across on dry land. These experiences are written for our example. What does this tell us? God expects us to use our faith and take action and go forward. Do all that we need and are able to do and God will supply everything else that we need.

Ephesians 4:1, 17-24—The Apostle Paul says: “I beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called (the believer as indwelt by the Spirit).” “This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being *alienated from the life of God through the ignorance* that is in them. Because of the *blindness of their heart*: who being *past feeling*, have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more (NIV). But you have not so learned Christ. If indeed you have heard him, and have been taught by him, *as the truth is in Jesus*: that you put off concerning the former conversation *the old man*, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. And that you put on *the new man*, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” Those alienated from God do not know or believe in God. Putting off the old man is getting rid of former conduct which grows corrupt according to deceitful lusts and being renewed by God’s Holy Spirit in the spirit of your mind. And that you put on the new self that is being created after God’s own likeness in righteousness and true holiness—separated from the world and wickedness.

Ephesians 4:25-30—“Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.’ In your anger, do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, nor give the devil a foothold (an opportunity). He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. Let no corrupt (unwholesome) communication come out of your mouths but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God whereby you are sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Paul says in **Philippians 2:1-5** to every one of us, “If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Let each of you look out not only for his self interests, but also to the interests of others. **Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus**, who, being in the form of God did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death of the cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and to those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” **Verses 12-13**—“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.**” God through his Holy Spirit is working in us to teach us and show us what His will is and create in us the will power to do what he wants us to do in his work. We are to overcome, grow in grace and knowledge and carry on his work.

“The Comforter (Counselor) which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” **John 14:15**—“If you love keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.” **John 16:13**—“he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

2 Philippians 2:14—“Do all things without complaining and disputing (arguing), that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a perverse nation, among whom you **shine as lights holding fast the word of life (word of God)**, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.” Now that we have God’s word, we are on a mission. That is, we are to learn all we can about God and obey him to the fullest extent of our ability and learn his word and become like Christ. That is, have the mind of Christ developed and created within our mind, so our mind is changed over to the mind of Christ— perfect in obedience, submission, humility and willing to empty self instead of taking everything to itself as Lucifer did, who is now Satan the devil. Men are self-exalting, full of vanity and pride. Christ gave up his glory and majesty to serve and emptied himself for all mankind that has been given salvation through his example. We are to follow his example, walk in his steps with the help of God’s Holy Spirit in the renewal of our minds.

Paul continues to speak of the role of Christ in salvation and gives warning to pay attention and not drift away. **Hebrews 2:1-3**—“Therefore, we must pay more careful attention to the things that we have heard lest we drift away.” Much like a boat that becomes untied from the pier that begins to drift away and never seen again, we must be alert and watching, lest we begin to forget what we have learned and forget God and his truth. “For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every transgression and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?”

1 John 3:15-17—“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the *lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life*—is not of the Father, but are of this world. And the world is passing away and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God lives forever.” Pride is of the world. **Ezekiel 28:12, 15, 17**— is speaking of Lucifer who became Satan the devil and gives the reason for his fall. “*You were the anointed cherub who covers (ordained by God). You were the seal of perfection from the day you were created, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty until iniquity (wickedness) was found in you. Your heart became proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. You were in Eden, the garden of God.*” **Isaiah 14:12-14**—“Because your heart is lifted up (in the pride of your heart).” “You said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north (in the place of control): I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most high.”

If we *learn and do* the will of God, we will have eternal life. What is the will of God? His will is that we keep His commandments. In order to learn His commandments and keep them, we must study his word (Bible). **1 John 2:1-5**—“Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, is our advocate who speaks to the Father in our defense when we sin. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. We know that we know Him, if we keep his commandments. He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps his word, truly the love of God is perfected in Him, Be this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as he walked.” **Verses 9-10**—“He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother lives in the light, and there

is no cause for stumbling in him. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.”

Hebrews 5:6-7—Christ did not glorify himself to become High Priest, it was God the Father who said to him: You are my Son; today I have begotten you (become your Father). And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek; who, in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save him from death, and was **heard because of His Godly fear**, though he was a Son, yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.”

1 Peter 1:2—“To God’s elect”...“who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and are cleansed by his blood.” Christ lives in us through the Holy Spirit. He is our corner stone and our inheritance. He not only died for us, but he was resurrected to life and now lives at the right hand of God in heaven and is high priest for us. **1 Peter 2:9-11**—“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. In time past you were not a people, but now you are the people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Beloved, I beg you as strangers and pilgrim, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that though they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.” **Verse 15**—“For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil (a cloak of maliciousness) live as bondservants of God. Show proper honor and respect for everyone. Love your brothers and sisters in Christ. Fear God. Honor the king.”

1 Peter 1:18-25—“Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief and suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if when you are beaten for your fault you take it patiently? But when you suffer for doing well, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow his steps. He committed no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth. When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but committed himself to Him who judges righteously; who himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” Take correction patiently. Learn to submit as Christ did, knowing that God the Father would exonerate him and make it all right in the end. **1**

Corinthians 15:57-58—“Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.” Whatever we do for the Lord’s sake will be rewarded.

2 Corinthians 2:13—“Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things? We are not like so many which corrupt the word of God peddling the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity like men sent from God.”

2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 7, 16—“Therefore, since through God’s mercy, we have this ministry, we do not give up. Rather, we have renounced hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man’s

conscience in the sight of God. **7**—But we have this treasure in jars in earthen vessels to show that the excellence of the power may be of God and not from us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus (through suffering), that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who are alive, are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested (revealed) in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.” **16**—“Therefore, we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal glory that far outweighs them all: while we do not look at things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” **2 Corinthians 5: 7**—“We live by faith not by sight.” God has called us to eternal life and glory as sons in his kingdom that is unending.

Brethren, make sure your anchor is strong so you will not drift! The grace our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.