



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord I ask that You fill each person with wisdom, knowledge, intelligence and understanding. I ask that You cause Your agape love to well up in each. Led and guide each person with Your will and plans for them. Give them peace in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Eph 1:3; 1Pet 1:3; 4 Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted of God. 2Cor 7:6; 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds by Christ. Ps 34:19; Ps 94:19; 6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 2Cor 4:17; 7 And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so shall you be also of the consolation. **2 Corin. 1:3-7**

14 For the love of Christ constrains us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not from now on live to themselves, but to him which died for them, and rose again. Rom 14:7; Gal 2:20; 1Thess 5:10; 1Pet 4:2 **2 Corin. 5:14-15**

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. Isa 43:18; Rev 21:5;

2 Corin. 5:17

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Introduction to 2 Corinthians.....**Paul's Vindication of His Apostleship; The Glory of His Ministry**

Date and Occasion of Writing; During the latter part of his second missionary journey, around A.D. 52-53. Paul had spent 1 1/2 years in Corinth and had made a large number of disciples (Acts 18:10-11). Then, on his third missionary journey, he spent three years at Ephesus (A.D. 54-57). In the spring of A.D. 55 while still at Ephesus, Paul wrote; 1 Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:8). Soon afterward, a great riot took place, in which Paul nearly lost his life (Acts 19).

Leaving Ephesus, Paul went into Macedonia on his way to Corinth. While in Macedonia, in the summer and fall of A.D. 55, Paul visited churches in the region of Philippi and Thessalonica, in the midst of many anxieties and sufferings. After waiting long to hear from the church in Corinth, Paul met Titus, who came from Corinth with word that Paul's letter had accomplished much good (2 Corinthians 7:6) but that some of the leaders in the Corinthian church still denied that Paul was a genuine apostle of Christ.

That is when Paul wrote this letter and sent it ahead with Titus (8:6,17), expecting to teach Corinth soon himself. The purpose of the letter appears mainly to have been Paul's vindication of himself as an apostle of Christ and to remind them that, inasmuch as he himself had founded the church in Corinth, he did have a right to have a say in its management.

A little later, Paul reached Corinth and spent the winter there (Acts 20:2-3), as he had planned (1 Corinthians 16:5-6). While in Corinth, he wrote his great epistle to the Romans. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; pages 789-790)

One of the great themes in 2 Corinthians is that a believer In Jesus Christ is a new creation, one who has right standing with God and is an ambassador for Him. When we receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, our pasts are completely washed away. We do not have to feel guilty about them anymore (because we are forgiven) or let past behaviors or thoughts influence us anymore. Instead, we are made new in our hearts and we are continually to renew our minds in the Word of God, which further strengthens us and grounds us in the realities of our faith.

As we read 2 Corinthians, become increasingly aware that your old life has passed away and that you are a new creation in Jesus Christ. You are in right relationship with God and you are His representative to the people around you. These are extremely important aspects of your Christian faith and they will lead you to victory in your everyday life.

Times of suffering and trials are a part of everyone's life. If this is a time of suffering in your life; ask God to surround you with His comfort and to help you experience it in tangible ways. He is able to comfort you no matter what the trial. Although it may not help much right now, know that someday you will be able to comfort someone else as God comforts you.

No, comfort is as good as God's. People can never give us what we really need unless God Himself uses other people to reach us, which He often does. Whether He uses another person to comfort you or He comforts you Himself by the Holy Spirit, He is the Comforter not the person, if He uses another person to comfort you, it is Him working through them.

(KJV Bible; Scripture....Amplified Bible; Scripture, commentaries, notes, history, Joyce Meyers, pages 1881-1882)

Acts 20

1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called to him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia. 1Tim 1:3; 2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece, 3 And there stayed three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia. 4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus. Acts 19:29; Acts 27:2; Col 4:10; 1Cor 1:14; Acts 16:1; Eph 6:21; Col 4:7; 2Tim 4:12; Titus 3:12; Acts 21:29; 2Tim 4:20; 5 These going before tarried for us at Troas. 6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came to them to Troas in five days; where we stayed seven days. 7 And on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. 8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. 9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. 10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. 1Kgs 17:21; 2Kgs 4:34; 11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. 12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted. 13 And we went before to ship, and sailed to Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot. 14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene. 15 And we sailed there, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus. 16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hurried, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost. Acts 21:4; Acts 21:12; 17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. 18 And when they were come to him, he said to them, You know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, Acts 19:10; 19 Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: 20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable to you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, 21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Matt 3:2; Mark 1:15; Luke 24:47; 22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesses in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. 24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 21:13; Gal 1:1; Titus 1:4; 25 And now, behold, I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. 26 Why I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare to you all the counsel of God. 28 Take heed therefore to yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood. 1Pet 5:2; Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; 1Pet 1:19; Rev 5:9; 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 2Pet 2:1; 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Ps 41:9; Matt 16:21; Acts 1:17; 1John 2:19; 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. 32 And now, brothers, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. 1Cor 9:12; 2Cor 11:9; 2Cor 12:13; 34 Yes, you yourselves know, that these hands have ministered to my necessities, and to them that were with me. Acts 18:3; 1Cor 4:12; 1Thess 2:9; 2Thess 3:8; 35 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. 36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all. Acts 21:5; 37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, 38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.



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