



# ~ 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 as these days go forth, keep Your hand on us and guide us in Your pathway, may we always be in Your light. Well up Your agape Love in us. Help us to be wise each day and remind us to use the discernment You give us. Give us peace. I ask that we are blessed with our needs met, and bless us with our daily bread, protect us and our families, in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

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## Scripture

### 2 Corin. 5

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2Cor 4:7; 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed on with our house which is from heaven: Rom 8:23; 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. Rev 3:18; Rev 16:15; 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed on, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Rom 8:11; 1Cor 15:53; 5 Now he that has worked us for the self same thing is God, who also has given to us the earnest of the Spirit. Rom 8:16; 2Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13; Eph 4:30; 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 1Cor 13:12; 2Cor 3:18; 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 9 Why we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he has done, whether it be good or bad. Matt 25:32; Rom 14:10; Ps 62:12; Jer 17:10; Jer 32:19; Matt 16:27; Rom 2:6; Rom 14:12; 1Cor 3:8; Gal 6:5; Rev 2:23; Rev 22:12;

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest to God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. 12 For we commend not ourselves again to you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that you may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. 2Cor 3:1; 2Cor 10:8; 13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. 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; 16 Why from now on know we no man after the flesh: yes, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now from now on know we him no more. Matt 12:50; John 15:14; Gal 5:6; Gal 6:15; Col 3:11; 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; 18 And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; Col 1:20; 1John 2:2; 1John 4:10; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses to them; and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Rom 3:24-25; Col 1:20; 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be you reconciled to God. 2Cor 3:6; 21 For he has made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. Isa 53:9; 1Pet 2:22; 1John 3:5; Isa 53:12; Rom 8:3; Gal 3:13;

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This chapter is a continuation of the reason for his joy in the midst of sufferings. He has just said that the greater the suffering for Christ's sake in this present world, the greater will be the glory in eternity. Paul's mind was on the future world. What is the teaching here? Is the new body put on at the moment of death? Death is spoken of, not as an unclothing, but as a being clothed (v. 4) / To be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord (v.8). In Philippians 1:23 death is regarded as a departure to be with Christ. But in 1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4 the resurrection body is connected with the second coming of Christ. Evidently the teaching is that those who die before the Lord's coming enter immediately into a state of conscious blessedness with the Lord, which is far better than life in the flesh, but still short of the glorious existence following the Resurrection. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; page 793)

"Tabernacle" means tent. Paul often refers to our bodies as tents temporarily housing our spirits. "Earnest" again means deposit. The Holy Spirit is the down payment God has given to show that He is earnest about completing the work of redemption He has begun in us. Death is actually moving from the tent to our new house. Paul's desire was to leave his body and join the Lord in heaven. When we Christians stand before the judgment seat of Christ, the motivations behind our works will be evaluated. The works prompted by base desires will be burned, and only the ones done in the right spirit will remain. We will be rewarded according to these. Our judgment will have nothing to do with our salvation, for that was determined when we accepted Christ. There will be a different judgment for sinners before God's Great White Throne (Revelation 20:11-15). "Terror" means fear or reverence. Some people were saying that Paul was crazy; being "beside oneself" indicted a split personality. (Colossians 3:4; Philippians 1:21) 15. And He died for all, so that all those who live might live no longer to and for themselves, but to and for Him Who died and was raised again for their sake. We want to know Christ by the Spirit, not merely know of Him through what others say. Many of our difficulties as Christians arise from the struggle between our new spiritual nature and between our new spiritual nature and the fleshly body, in which it is trapped. God wants us to participate in the reconciliation of the world to Him, the plan He was working out during the life of Christ. We're representatives of Christ with the authority to speak for Him. As ambassadors, we're not at home in this corrupt world, but our hearts are at home in heaven (Hebrews 11:13-16). God imputed our sins to Jesus and imputes His righteousness to us. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; commentaries; Chuck Smith; page 93)

(v.5:7) says we walk by faith and not by sight; we do not make decisions by what we see or feel. We have to search our hearts, where faith abides, and live from there. The kingdom of God is within us, and we should follow those inner promptings, that lead to righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. We always ask for; everything; in His will, not our will.

Feelings can mislead us and steal our faith more than any other single influence. The problem with feeling is that they change constantly. We can feel one thousand ways about the same thing in thirty days. One minute we may feel like doing something, and the next minute we do not. Feelings also provoke us to say things that are unwise, and we talk a lot about how we feel! Do you believe the god of your feelings or the God of the Bible? This is a question we must all ask ourselves. People who ask for help and counsel tell a person how they feel. We should tell each other what the Word of God says, not just how we feel. Feelings do not convey truth to us; Satan uses them to deceive and lead us astray. Emotions are unreliable; do not believe them or trust them. Respond with your heart, where the Spirit of God abides, and always be sure that you have peace. Check with your heart, not your emotions, before making a decision. Learn to walk by faith, not by things you can see, touch, or feel.

The more we love Jesus, the more we operate in self-control. It is easier for us to say no to selfish desires and yes to God, because "the love of Christ" urges us to do so. As our love for God grows, we will not want to offend Him. We will not want to grieve the Holy Spirit. We will want to do what God wants us to do, and obedience will give us great joy in our everyday lives. Our walks with God are progressive and we do get better and better in every way as we continue in His Word. Do not be discouraged with yourself. You may not be where you want to be, but thank God you are not where you used to be!

( Amplified Bible; Scripture, notes, commentaries, 2005; Joyce Meyer; pages 1891-1894)

(KJV Bible; Scripture, notes, commentaries, 2005)

**Romans 3**

1 What advantage then has the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

2 Much every way: chiefly, because that to them were committed the oracles of God. Ps 147:19; Rom 9:4; 3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? Num 23:19; Rom 9:6; 2Tim 2:13; 4 God forbid: yes, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That you might be justified in your sayings, and might overcome when you are judged. John 3:33; Ps 116:11; Ps 51:4;

5 But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who takes vengeance? (I speak as a man)

6 God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world? 7 For if the truth of God has more abounded through my lie to his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner? 8 And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; Gal 3:22; 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Ps 14:3; Ps 53:3; 11 There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no, not one. 13 Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Ps 5:9; Ps 140:3; 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Ps 10:7; 15 Their feet are swift to shed blood: Prov 1:16; Isa 59:7; 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. Ps 36:1;

19 Now we know that what things soever the law said, it said to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Gal 2:16; Rom 7:7; Heb 7:18;

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Rom 1:17; Phil 3:9; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ to all and on all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Isa 53:5; 25 Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 2Cor 5:19; Col 1:20; Heb 4:16; 1John 4:10; Exod 25:17; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believes in Jesus.

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? No: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Acts 13:38; Rom 8:3; Gal 2:16; Heb 7:25;

29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: 30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yes, we establish the law.

**National Day of Prayer**

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**Psa 119:105**

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



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