## 2 CORINTHIANS

#### A Verse-by-Verse Study



#### 2 Corinthians 4: 8-9 (NASB)

#### we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed;

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 10 (NASB)

always carrying around in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

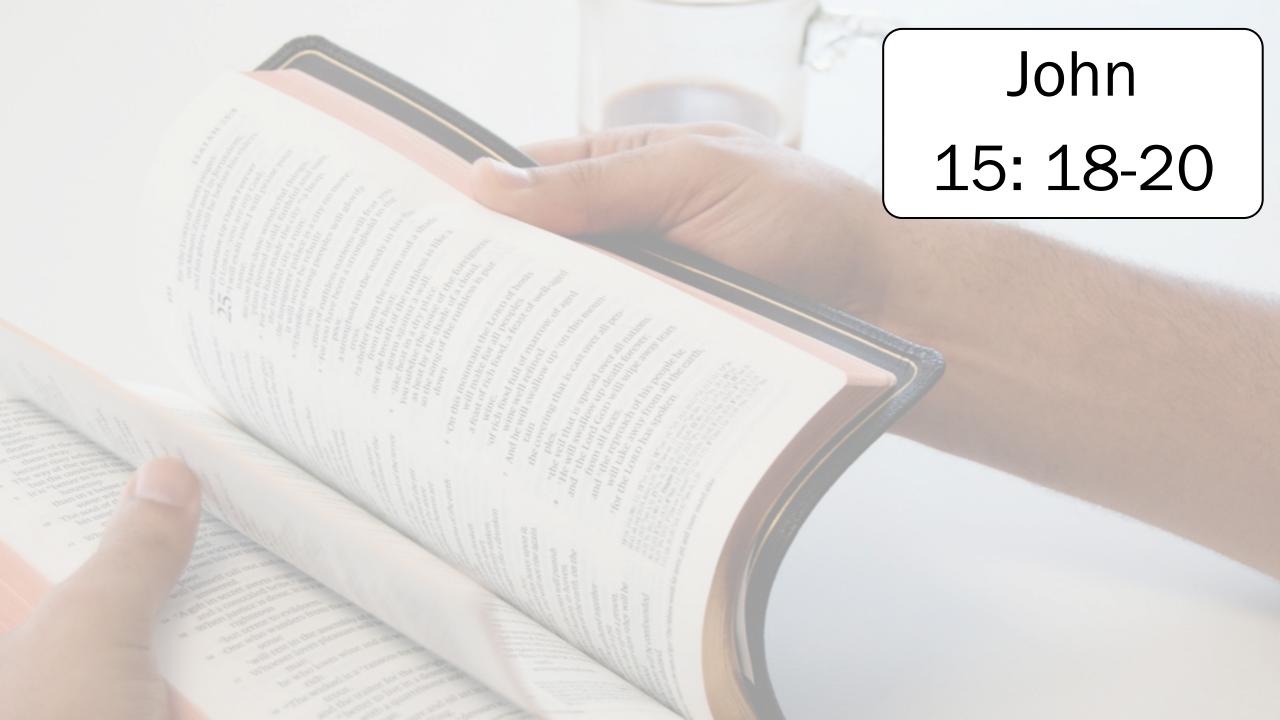
#### Question?

What does it mean to carry around in the body the dying of Jesus?

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 10 (NLT)

#### Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

Paul is using a figure of speech to say that he and other Christians were suffering the same types of attacks that Jesus did, which eventually resulted in His death. It highlights the persecution that believers were facing when they spoke to people about Jesus.



#### John 15: 18-20 (NASB)

"If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, because of this the world hates you.

#### John 15: 18-20 (NASB)

Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you as well; if they followed My word, they will follow yours also.

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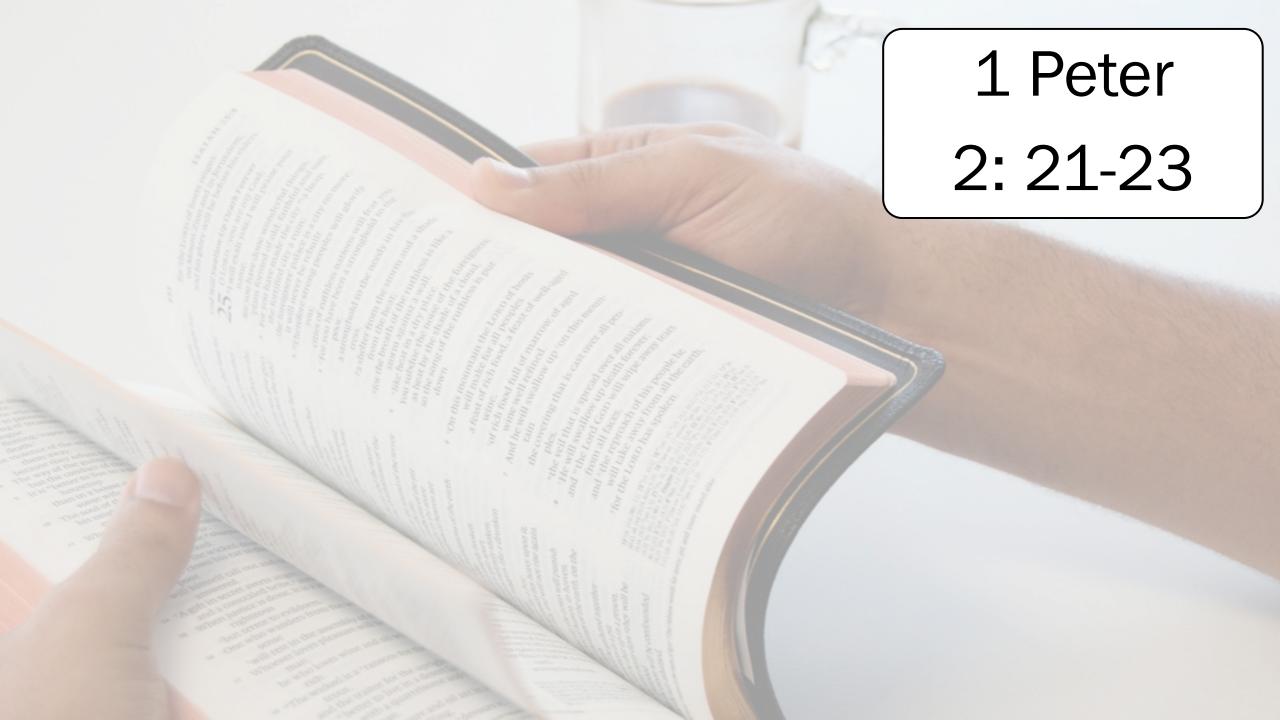
# How should we respond to persecution?

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 10 (NASB)

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#### Question?

### How did Jesus respond to persecution?



#### For you have been called for this purpose, because Christ also suffered for you, <mark>leaving you an example, so that you would follow in His steps</mark>,

#### Question?

What are some examples of Jesus that we should follow?

#### He who committed no sin,

# He who committed no sin, <mark>nor was any deceit found in His mouth</mark>;

#### He who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and <mark>while being abusively insulted, He did not insult in return</mark>;

#### He who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being abusively insulted, He did not insult in return; while suffering, He did not threaten,

He who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being abusively insulted, He did not insult in return; while suffering, He did not threaten, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

#### Examples of Jesus we Should Follow!

- Strive to live a sin free life
- Do not be a hypocrite
- When insulted, do not insult in return
- When suffering persecution, do not threaten
- Put all your trust in God

#### Question?

# What is your purpose in life?

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#### 2 Corinthians 4: 10 (NASB)

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#### 2 Corinthians 4: 11-12 (NASB)

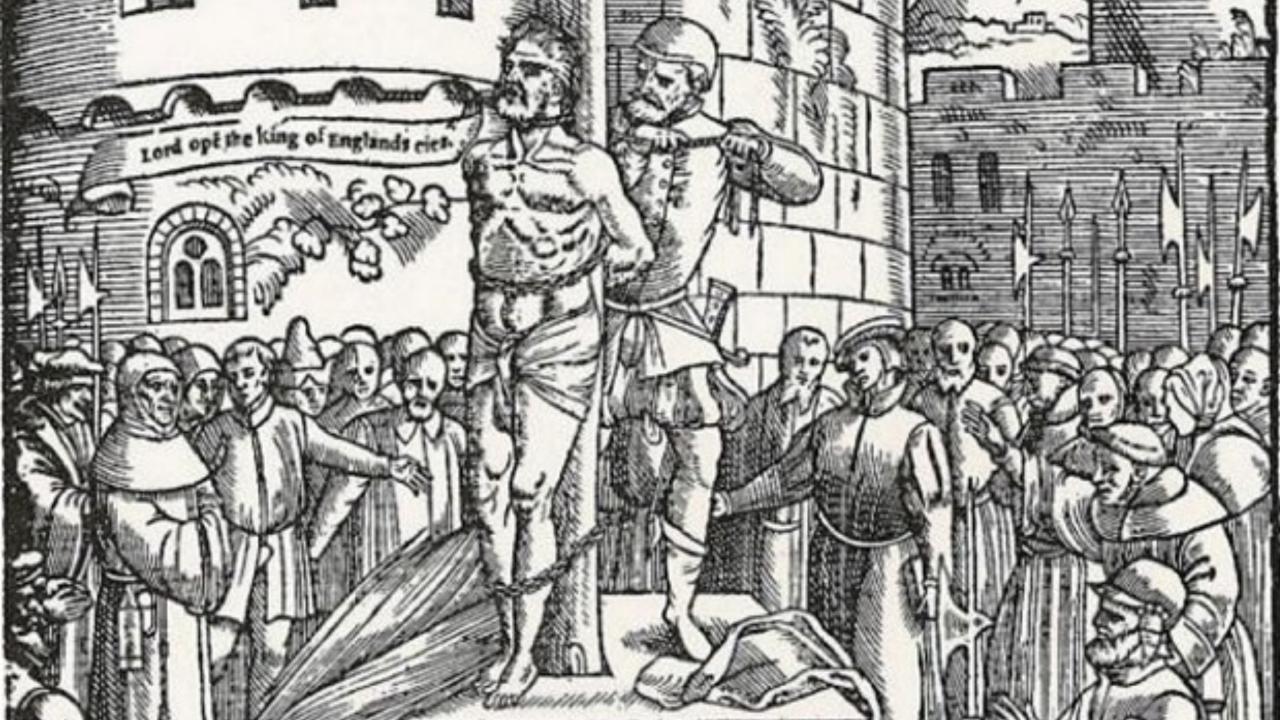
# For we who live <mark>are constantly being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you.</mark>

William Tyndale wanted everyone to know Scripture as well as the priests leading the congregation.

In the 1520s, this was heretical because the Catholic Church had forbidden the members of the church to own a Bible and had forbidden translation of the Bible into a common language everyone could understand.

The catholic church believed a congregation with access to the Bible in their own language was a threat to its

#### power.



William Tyndale "was strangled to death while tied at the stake, and then his dead body was burned".

His final words, spoken "at the stake with a fervent zeal, and a loud voice", were reported as "Lord! Open the King of England's eyes."

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 11-12 (NASB)

#### For we who live are constantly being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you.

#### Paul knew that when He and his fellow evangelists faced persecution and death, it brought life to the Church!

#### Question?

### How does being martyred for Christ bring life?

#### They had two choices:

1. They could have remained silent and saved their own lives. However, this would deny the world of the Truth which would have led to spiritual and eternal death to those who would have no chance to hear the Word.

2. They could open their mouths and share the Truth resulting in receiving the wrath of this world, which for many meant martyrdom. By opening their mouths and facing physical death, they were able to bring spiritual and eternal life to those who heard the Gospel and believed.

There are times when we must choose between convenience and serving God as it is always more comfortable if we remain silent.

Often speaking the truth and standing on God's Word comes at a cost. It could cost us our jobs, friends, promotions, freedom, or even death.

However, the cost is worth it when compared to the eternal life we are sharing!

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 13-14 (NASB)

But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written: "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and will present us with

### What spirit of faith is Paul talking about?

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### What does having this Spirit of Faith cause us to do?

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### What gives us the strength to speak?

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How does knowing you will be raised with Jesus impact you?

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 15 (NASB)

#### For all things are for your sakes, so that grace, having spread to more and more people, will cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

What happens when grace spreads to more and more people?

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#### 2 Corinthians 4: 16 (NASB)

#### Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer person is decaying, yet our inner person is being renewed day by day.

# What does it meant to lose heart?

# What can cause us to lose heart?

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 16 (NASB)

#### Therefore we do not lose heart, but though <mark>our outer person is decaying</mark>, yet our inner person is being renewed day by day.

What is our outer person?

### How are our outer selves wasting away?

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 16 (NASB)

#### Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer person is decaying, <mark>yet our inner person is being renewed day by day</mark>.

# Who is our inner person?

How are our inner selves renewed day by day?

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 17 (NASB)

For our <mark>momentary</mark>, <mark>light affliction</mark> is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 18 (NASB)

while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

What are the things seen?

# What are the things not seen?

### What is Paul wanting us to focus on?

#### 2 Corinthians 4: 18 (NASB)

#### while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

#### 2 Corinthians 5: 1 (NASB)

For we know that if our earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens.

#### Know

#### Greek: eido, i'-do

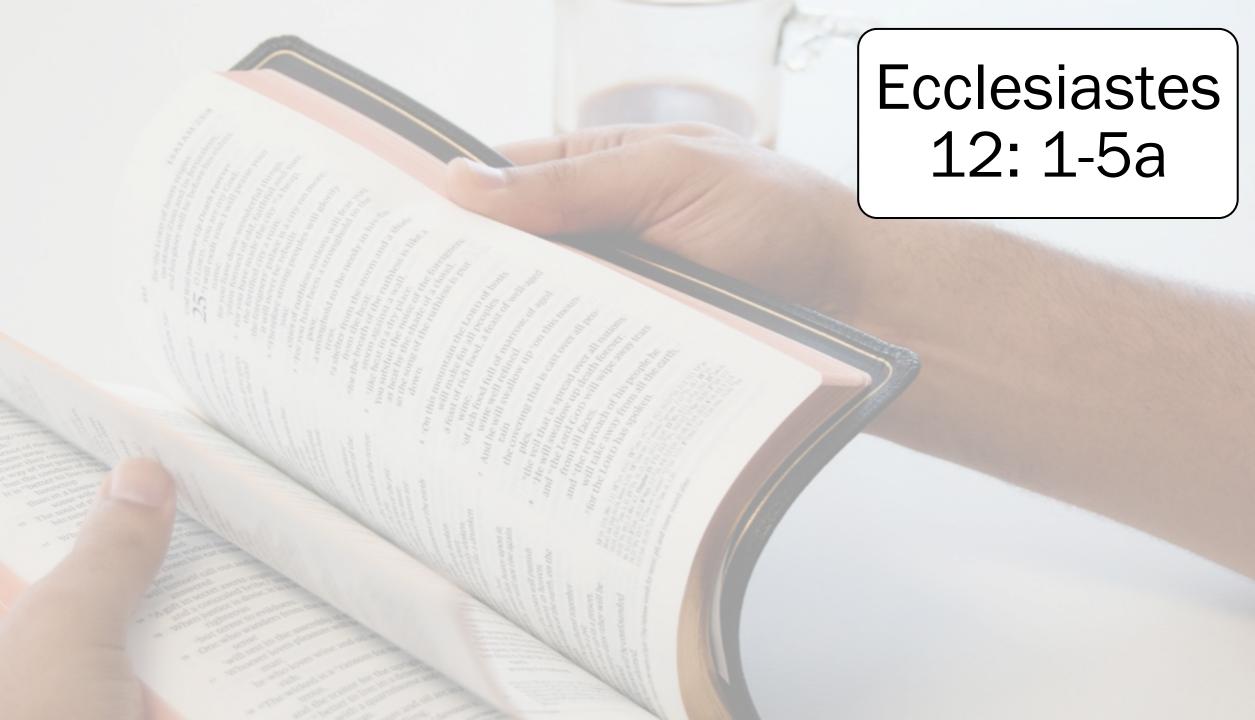
- To be certain of
- To hold to, as it being in the past tense
- To be fully confident of
- To have NO doubt

#### 2 Corinthians 5: 1 (NASB)

#### For we know that if <mark>our earthly tent which is our house is torn down</mark>, we have a building from God, a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens.

# What is our earthly tent?

# How is it torn down?



#### Ecclesiastes 12: 1-5a (NLT)

Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honor him in your youth before you grow old and say, "Life is not pleasant anymore."

Remember him before the light of the sun, moon, and stars is dim to your old eyes, and rain clouds continually darken your sky.

#### Ecclesiastes 12: 1-5a (NLT)

Remember him before your legs—the guards of your house—start to tremble; and before your shoulders—the strong men-stoop. Remember him before your teeth—your few remaining servants—stop grinding; and before your eyes-the women looking through the windows-see dimly.

#### Ecclesiastes 12: 1-5a (NLT)

#### Remember him before the door to life's opportunities is closed and the sound of work fades. Now you rise at the first chirping of the birds, but then all their sounds will grow faint.

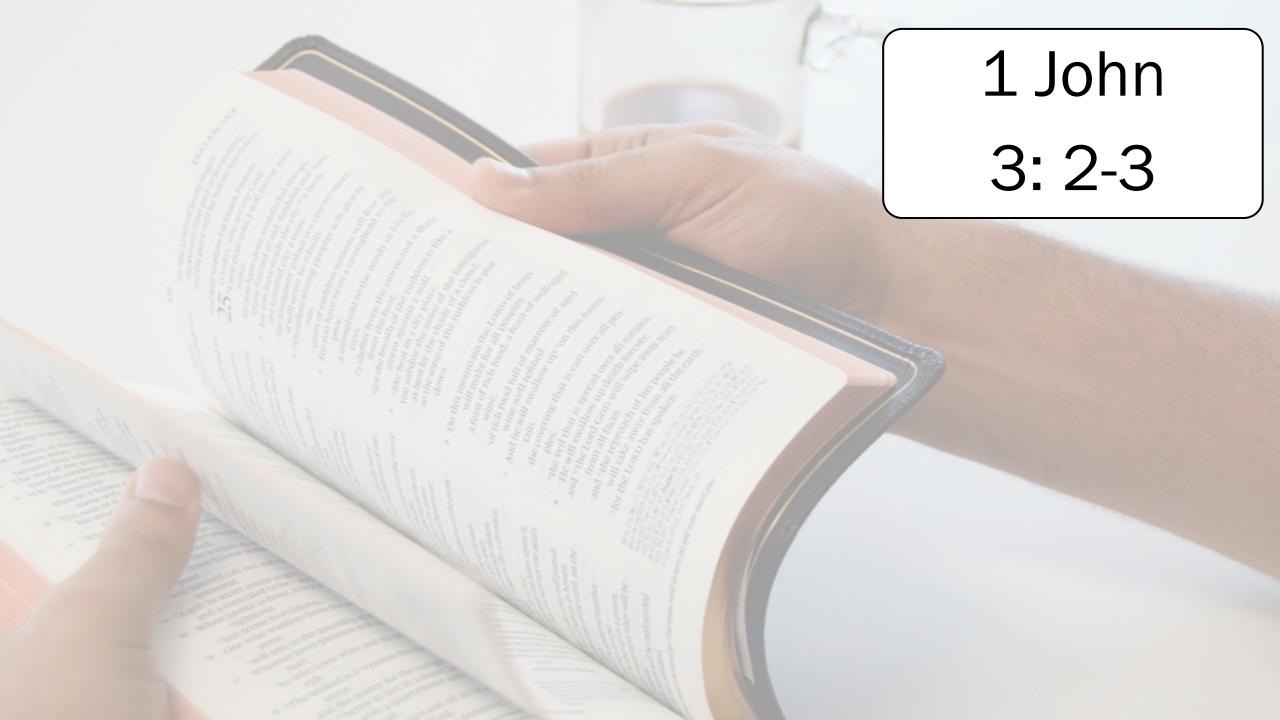
Remember him before you become fearful of falling and worry about danger in the streets; before your hair turns white like an almond tree in bloom, and you drag along without energy like a dying grasshopper

# Question?

So what is the good news about growing old?

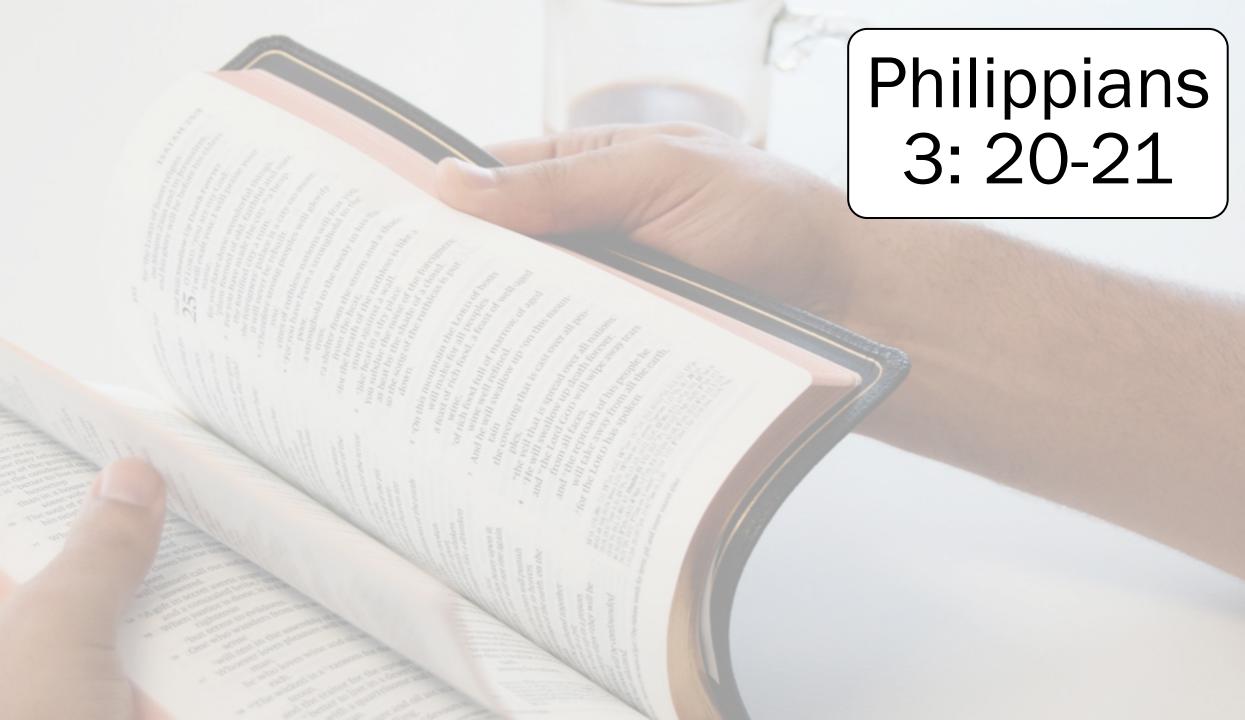
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# For we know that if our earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens.



### 1 John 3: 2-3 (NIV)

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.



### Philippians 3: 20-21 (NIV)

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

### 2 Corinthians 5: 1 (NASB)

# For we know that if our earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens.

#### 2 Corinthians 5: 2 (NASB)

# For indeed, in this tent we groan, <mark>longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven</mark>,

# Question?

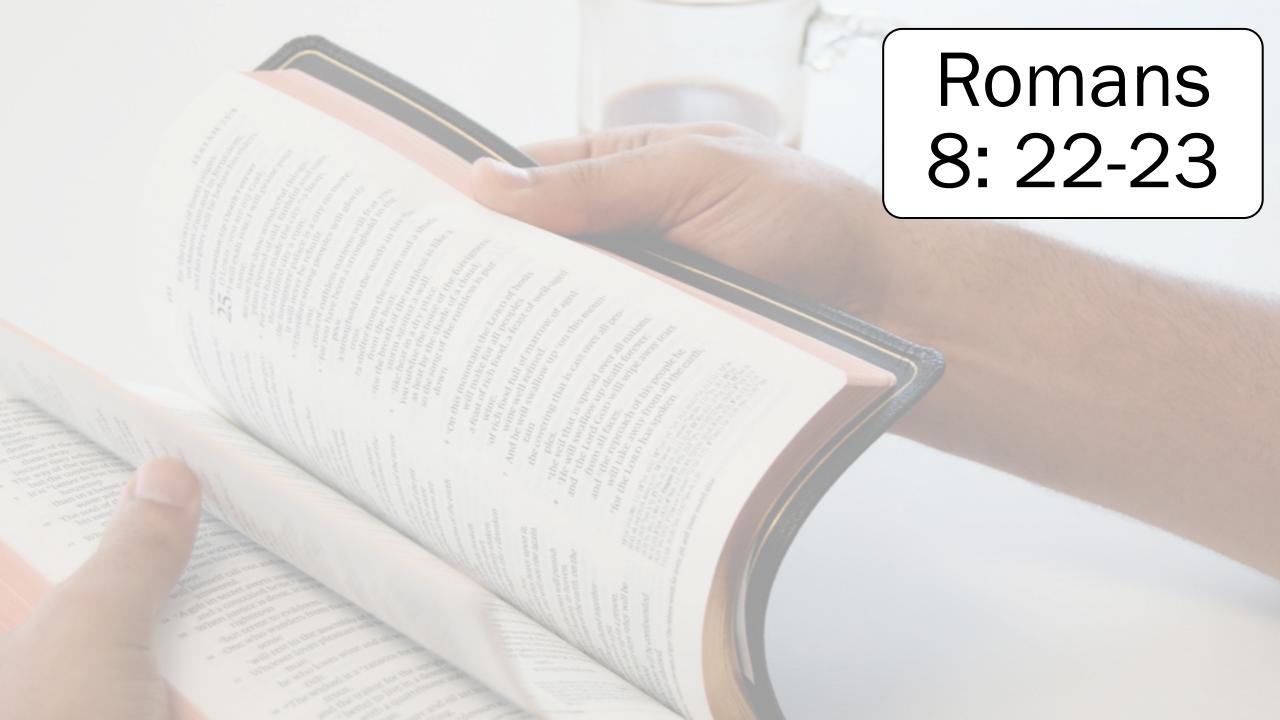
Does your body ever groan and long to be renewed in eternity?

# Question?

How does this make our lives different from those living outside of Christ?

### 2 Corinthians 5: 3-4 (NASB)

since in fact after putting it on, we will not be found naked. For indeed, we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.



#### Romans 8: 22-23 (NASB)

# For we know that <mark>the whole creation groans</mark> and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

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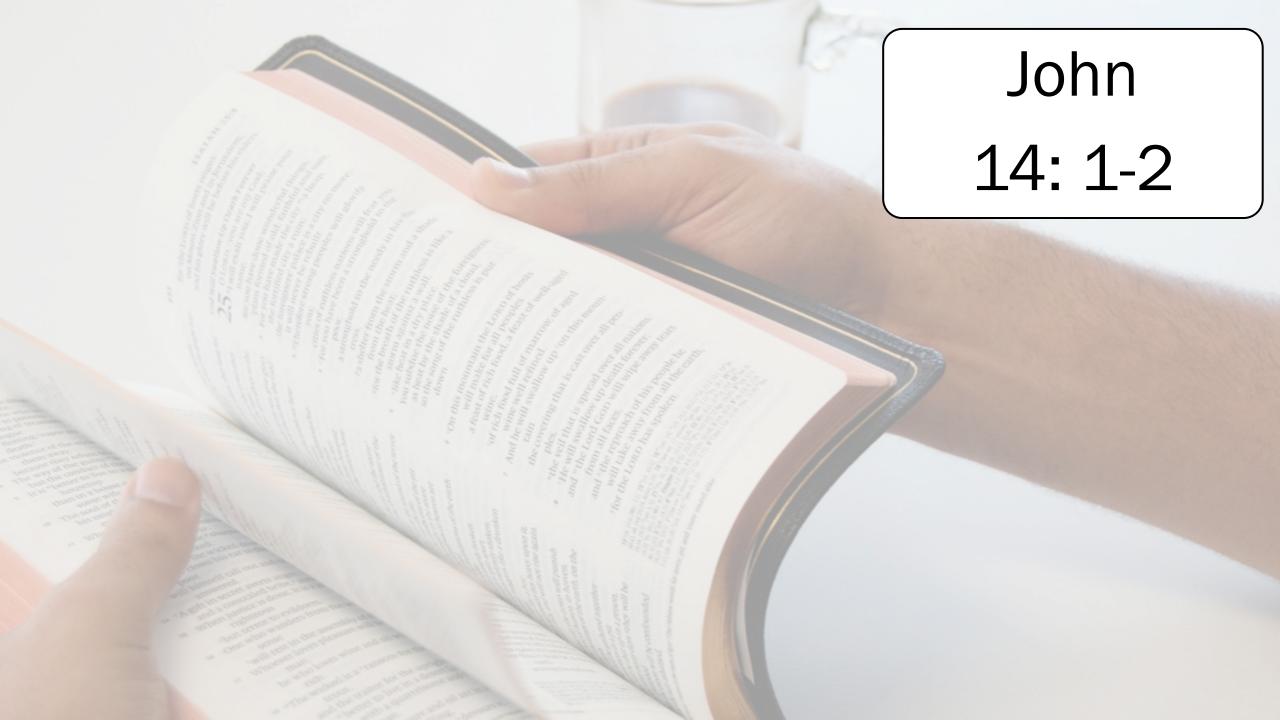
# And not only that, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters, the redemption of our body.

#### 2 Corinthians 5: 5 (NASB)

# Now <mark>He who prepared us for this very purpose is God</mark>, who gave us the Spirit as a pledge.

# Question?

What is Paul telling us when he says, "we were prepared for this very purpose"?



### John 14: 1-3 (NASB)

# "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you.

### John 14: 1-3 (NASB)

# And if I go and prepare a place for you, <mark>I am coming again and will take you to Myself</mark>, so that where I am, there you also will be.

#### 2 Corinthians 5: 5 (NASB)

# Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a pledge.



Our physical bodies contains our **Spiritual gift!** 



Jesus is preparing a place in heaven for us in the future, while the Holy Spirit is working to create heaven inside us now!



#### Ephesians 1: 13-14 (NASB)

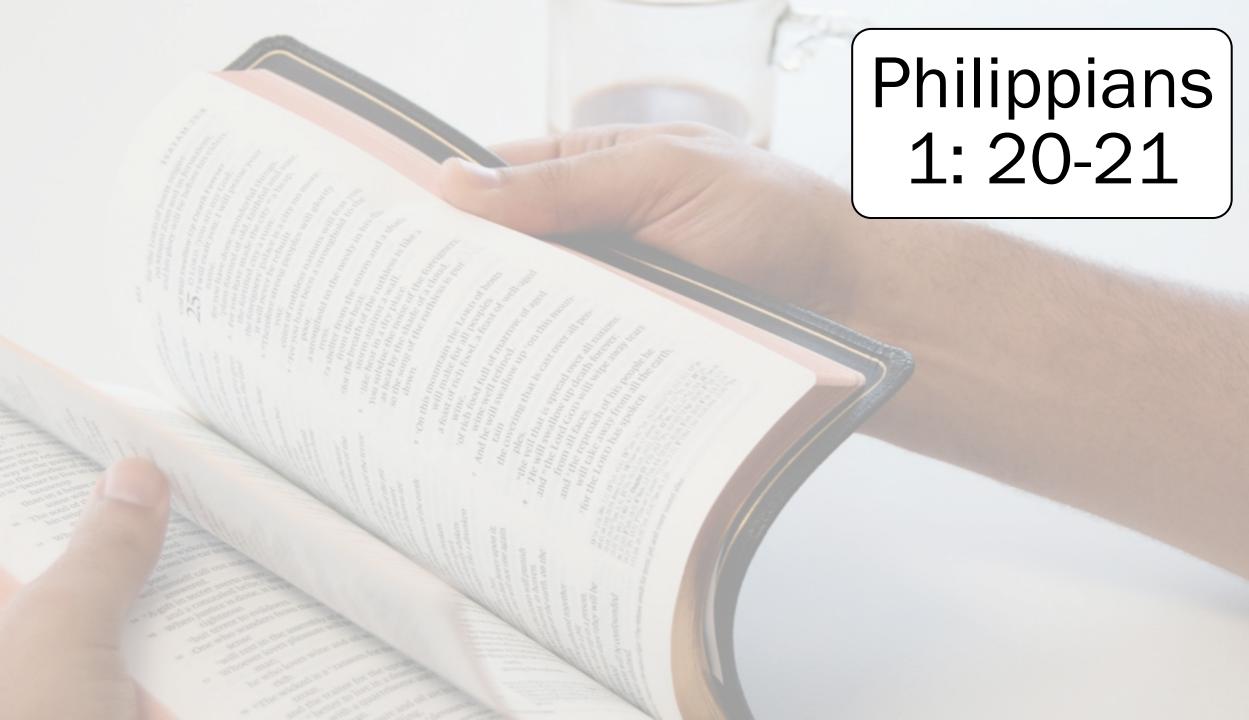
# In Him, you also, <mark>after listening</mark> to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—<mark>having also believed</mark>,

#### Ephesians 1: 13-14 (NASB)

# you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise, who is a first installment of our inheritance, in regard to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

#### 2 Corinthians 5: 6 (NASB)

# Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—



#### Philippians 1: 20 (NASB)

according to my eager expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

# Question?

# What creates the boldness to stand within us?

#### Philippians 1: 21 (NASB)

# For to me, <mark>to live is Christ, and to die is gain</mark>.

#### 2 Corinthians 5: 7 (NASB)

### for we walk by faith, not by sight-

# Question?

What does it mean to walk by faith and not by sight?

# Question?

How does this apply to our interpretation of scripture?

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#### A PALESTINIAN THEOLOGY OF LIBERATION

The Christian Palestinianism movement uses a "sight" to interpret Scripture rather than "faith".

In this publication Ateek details this new way of interpreting the Bible.

"When confronted with a difficult passage in the Bible...one needs to ask,...Does this fit the picture I have of God that Jesus revealed to me?...If it does, then the passage is valid and authoritative. If not, then I cannot accept it as valid or authority."

#### 2 Corinthians 5: 8 (NASB)

# but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.



# Greek: tharrheo, thar-hreh -o

- To exercise courage
- To be bold

#### 2 Corinthians 5: 8 (NASB)

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#### Absent

# Greek: ekdemeo, ek-day-meh -o

- To relocate
- To vacate
- To quit
- To be legally absent or no longer on the roll

#### 2 Corinthians 5: 8 (NASB)

# but we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body <mark>and to be at home with the Lord</mark>.

#### At Home

# Greek: endemeo, en-day-meh -o

- To be in one's own country
- To be home
- To enter back into the land of your birth.

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