

**New Testament**

**Romans 5:5-11**

*Since we are now justified by his Blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.*

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Hope does not disappoint,

because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,

died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,

though perhaps for a good person  
one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us

in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood,

will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,

we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,  
how much more, once reconciled,  
will we be saved by his life.

Not only that,

but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**Romans 6:3-9 (short form, 6:3-4, 8-9)**

*We too might live in newness of life.*

- Omit the words in bolded brackets [ ] for the short form of this reading.
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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.

[For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,  
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him,  
so that our sinful body might be done away with,  
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.]

If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**Romans 8:14-23**

*We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.*

---

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

    but you received a spirit of adoption,  
    through which we cry, Abba, "Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit

    that we are children of God,  
    and if children, then heirs,  
    heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,  
    if only we suffer with him  
    so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing  
    compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

For creation awaits with eager expectation

    the revelation of the children of God;  
    for creation was made subject to futility,  
    not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,  
    in hope that creation itself  
    would be set free from slavery to corruption  
    and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;

    and not only that, but we ourselves,  
    who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,  
    we also groan within ourselves  
    as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**

*What will separate us from the love of Christ?*

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He did not spare his own Son

    but handed him over for us all,

    will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

    who also is at the right hand of God,

    who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine,

    or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly

    through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

    nor angels, nor principalities,

    nor present things, nor future things,

    nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

    nor any other creature will be able to separate us

    from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12**

*Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

---

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself,

and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written:

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee*

*shall bend before me,*

*and every tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (short form, 15:20-23)**

*So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.*

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A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man,

the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die,

so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,

but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits;

then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;

[then comes the end,

when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death,

for "he subjected everything under his feet."

But when it says that everything has been subjected,

it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him.

When everything is subjected to him,

then the Son himself will also be subjected

to the one who subjected everything to him,

so that God may be all in all.]

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**1 Corinthians 15:50-57**

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

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A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

I tell you this brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,

Nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Behold! I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,

the dead will be raised imperishable,

and we shall be changed.

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable,

and this mortal body must put on immortality.

When the perishable puts on the imperishable

And the mortal puts on immortality

Then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*O death, where is your victory?*

*O death, where is your sting?*

The sting of death is sin,

and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

---

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,

in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,

the dead will be raised incorruptible,

and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,

and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility

and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,

then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

The sting of death is sin,

and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.



**New Testament**

**2 Corinthians 4:14 – 5:1**

*What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.*

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A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus  
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;  
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,  
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction  
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory  
beyond all comparison,  
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;  
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament

**2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1**

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A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus

will raise us also with Jesus,

and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace,

as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving,

to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart.

Even though our outer nature is wasting away,

our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us

for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,

because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen;

for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,

we have a building from God,

a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

*Though our body is being weakened, our spirit is renewed.*

---

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We do not lose heart because our inner being is renewed each day,  
even though our body is being destroyed at the same time.

The present burden of our trial is enough,  
and earns for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

We do not fix our gaze on what is seen  
but on what is unseen.

What is seen is transitory;  
what is not seen lasts forever.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**

*We have a building from God, eternal in heaven.*

---

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands,  
eternal in heaven.

We are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous,  
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**Ephesians 1:3-5**

*He chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy.*

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,  
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,  
to be holy and without blemish before him.

In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ,  
in accord with the favor of his will.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**Philippians 3:20-21**

*He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.*

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,

and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body

to conform with his glorified Body

by the power that enables him also

to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**Philippians 4:4-9**

*Fill your thoughts with these things.*

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Farewell; I wish you all joy in the Lord.

I will say it again; all joy be yours.

Let your generosity be clear to all

And now, my family, all that is true, all that is noble,

all that is just and pure, all that is loveable and gracious,

whatever is excellent and admirable –

fill all your thought with these things.

The lessons that I taught you, the traditions I have passed on,

all that you heard me say or saw me do, put into practice;  
and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*Thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

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A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep,  
so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
so too will God, through Jesus,  
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,  
that we who are alive,  
who are left until the coming of the Lord,  
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,  
with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,  
will come down from heaven,  
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.



**New Testament**

**2 Timothy 2:8-13**

*If we have died with him we shall also live with him.*

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A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:

such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering,  
even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,  
so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,  
together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him  
we shall also live with him;  
if we persevere  
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him  
he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18**

*Reward for Fidelity.*

---

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

For I am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have competed well;

I have finished the race;

I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day,  
and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.

To him be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**1 John 3:1-2**

*We shall see him as he is.*

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A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us

that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us

is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,

for we shall see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

**New Testament**

**1 John 3:14-16**

*We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.*

---

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

We know that we have passed from death to life  
because we love our brothers.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,  
and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love  
was that he laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

The word of the Lord.