

Contrasts of Extremes

2 Corinthians 4:6-18

⁶For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

⁸*We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. ¹¹For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. ¹²So then death works in us, but life in you. ¹³We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; ¹⁴Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present *us* with you. ¹⁵For all things *are* for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. ¹⁶For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; ¹⁸While 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.

Vs 6 Light

Darkness

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ⁴And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Vs 7 Treasure

Earthen Vessels

H4301 ματῶμοιβ From H2934; a *secret* storehouse; hence a *secreted* valuable (buried); generally *money*:—hidden, riches, (hid) treasure (-s).

Gen 43:23 And he said, Peace *be* to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

Prov 15:6 In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

G4632 σκευος - Of uncertain affinity; a *vessel*, *implement*, *equipment* or *apparatus* (literally or figuratively [specifically a *wife* as contributing to the usefulness of the husband]):—goods, sail, stuff, vessel.

2 sam 17:28 Brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched *corn*, and beans, and lentiles, and parched *pulse*,

Vs 8 Troubled- (hard pressed- NKJ)**Not distressed-(Not crushed)**

G2346 τηλιβο | - Akin to the base of G5147; to *crowd* (literally or figuratively):—afflict, narrow, throng, suffer tribulation, trouble.

Acts 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have **troubled** you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* commandment:

2 Cor 7:5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were **troubled** on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears

G4729 στενοχωρο | ρεο | - From the same as G4730; to *hem* in closely, that is, (figuratively) *cramp*:—distress, straiten.

2 Sam 28:15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore **distressed**; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answers me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou may make known unto me what I shall do.

Vs 8 Perplexed**Not in Despair**

G639 απορεο | - From a compound of G1 (as a negative particle) and the base of G4198; to *have no way* out, that is, *be at a loss* (mentally):—(stand in) doubt, be perplexed.

Luke 9:7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was **perplexed**, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead; ⁸And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again.

G1820 εξαπορευομαι - Middle voice from G1537 and G639; to *be utterly at a loss*, that is, *despond*:—(in) despair.

2 Cor 1:6-10 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. ⁷And our hope of you *is* stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be* also of the consolation. ⁸For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we **despaired** even of life: ⁹But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raises the dead: ¹⁰Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us*;

Vs 9 Persecuted**Not Forsaken**

G1377 διω | κο | - A prolonged (and causative) form of a primary verb (to *flee*; compare the base of G1169 and G1249); to *pursue* (literally or figuratively); by implication to *persecute*:—ensue, follow (after), given to, (suffer) persecute (-ion), press toward.

Acts 22:4 And I **persecuted** this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women

G1459 εγκαταλειπο | - From G1722 and G2641; to *leave behind* in some place, that is, (in a good sense) *let remain over*, or (in a bad one) to *desert*:—forsake, leave.

Mark 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Vs 9 Cast down (Struck down-NKJ)

Not destroyed

G2598 καταβαλλο | - From G2596 and G906; to *throw down*:—cast down, lay.

2 Cor 7:6 Nevertheless God, that comforts those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

G622 απολλυμι - From G575 and the base of G3639; to *destroy* fully (reflexively to *perish*, or *lose*), literally or figuratively:—destroy, die, lose, mar, perish.

Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

V 10 Dying of Christ

Life of Jesus (Christ)

G3500 νεκρο | σις - From G3499; *decease*; figuratively *impotency*:—deadness, dying.

G2222 ζο | ε | - From G2198; *life* (literally or figuratively):—life (-time). Compare G5590.

Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Vs 11 Live

Death

G2288 τηανατος - From G2348; (properly an adjective used as a noun) *death* (literally or figuratively):—X deadly, (be . . .) death.

Phil 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; ¹¹If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Vs 16 Do not lose heart

Outward man perishing

Inward part renewed

G1311 διαπητηειρο | - From G1223 and G5351; to *rot thoroughly*, that is, (by implication) to *ruin* (passively *decay* utterly, figuratively *pervert*):—corrupt, destroy, perish.

G341 ανακαινοο | - From G303 and a derivative of G2537; to *renovate*:—renew.

Eph 3:16-21 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; ¹⁷That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; ²⁴And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Col 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Vs 17 Light affliction a moment**Eternal weight of Glory**

G2347 τηλιπσις - From G2346; *pressure* (literally or figuratively):—afflicted, (tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

Heb 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

G166 αιω | νιοσ - From G165; *perpetual* (also used of past time, or past and future as well):—eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began).

G1391 δοξα - From the base of G1380; *glory* (as very *apparent*), in a wide application (literally or figuratively, objectively or subjectively):—dignity, glory (-ious), honor, praise, worship.

Rom 8:17-18 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

1 Pet 1:6-9 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: ⁷That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: ⁸Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: ⁹Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

Vs 18 Seen**Not seen**

G991 βλεπο | -A primary verb; *to look* at (literally or figuratively):—behold, beware, lie, look (on, to), perceive, regard, see, sight, take heed. Compare G3700.

Vs 18 Temporary**Eternal**

G4340 προσκαιροσ - From G4314 and G2540; *for the occasion* only, that is, *temporary*:—dur- [eth] for awhile, endure for a time, for a season, temporal.

G166 αιω | νιοσ - From G165; *perpetual* (also used of past time, or past and future as well):—eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began).