

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 13:9-14

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Developing and maintaining your new life in Christ.

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Introduction to the Text;

2 Corinthians 13:9-14

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9 For we are **glad** when we are **weak** and you are **strong**. And this also we pray, that you may be **made complete**. 10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the authority which the Lord has given me for edification and not for destruction. 11 Finally, brethren, **farewell. Become complete**. Be of **good comfort**, be of **one mind**, live in **peace**; and **the God of love** and **peace** will be **with** you. 12 **Greet** one another with a **holy kiss**. 13 All the **saints** greet you. 14 The **grace** of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and **the love** of **God**, and **the communion** of the **Holy Spirit** be with you all. Amen.

It's an interesting dynamic that is before us.

We have a "church of people" redeemed out of the world and yet some struggle with the remnant of their old lives.

You have those in that church that no doubt

had been powerfully changed and renewed and were very much advancing.

And then there was the aged apostle, who, having

poured his life out to them and for them was longing to come and see them one more time.

2 Corinthians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the church of God which is at Corinth, with **all the saints** who are in all Achaia:

CHURCH, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

1.) **We will be glad in the Lord**

v. 9-10

1a.) **Because of His great strength**

v. 9a

9a For we are **glad** when we are **weak** and you are **strong**.

Glad

χαίρω chairō, *khah'-ee-ro*; a cheerful calm. An unshakable joy. to be in a state of glad stability.

Weak ἀσθενέω **astheneo**, *as-then-eh'-o*; to be feeble (in any sense): — to become diseased, impotent, sickly, depleted.

Strong δυνατός **dunatos**, *doo-nat-os'*; powerful or capable, mighty, powerful.

Philippians 3:10

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

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WE WILL BE GLAD IN THE LORD**

1b.) Because of His faithful provision v. 9b

9b ...And this also we pray, that you may be **made complete**.

Complete κατάρτισις **katartisis**, *kat-ar'-tis-is*; absolute, **to be fitted out** or fully equipped. to be made totally prepared for a task, mission or venture. The word carries with it the meaning of being completely prepared for a great expedition.

We can only be “Made Complete” by exercise.

The Christian life was designed by God to Display His Son through the lives of His followers.

John 17:20-23

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **21** that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. **22** And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: **23** I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

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WE WILL BE GLAD IN THE LORD**

1c.) Because of His constant care v. 10

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the authority **which the Lord has given me for edification** and not for destruction

**Our emotional, mental and spiritual well-being
Must be tied directly to the Lord.**

Unless we're anchored to Christ – our lives will be a tormented
mess of emotions and **crisis situations**.

1 Peter 5:6-7

Therefore **humble** (*refuge*) yourselves **under** (*hide*) the mighty hand of God, that He may **exalt** (*lift high*) you in due time, **7 casting** (*heave*) all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed (*fixed*) on You, Because he trusts in You. **4** Trust in the **LORD** forever, For in **YAH**, the **LORD**, is everlasting strength.

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2.) We will be made more like Jesus v. 11-13

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN WE WILL BE MADE MORE LIKE JESUS

2a.) As we grow in His example v. 11a

11a Finally, brethren,

(1) farewell, (2) Become complete, (3) Be of good comfort, (4) be of one mind, (5) live in peace;

(1) farewell **χαίρω chairo**, *khah'-ee-ro*; to be of good "cheer", be calmed. Be of a well-off state. We get the old English "God-Speed."

Christianity (Christ-Following) is -- the work of God
in the life of the believer so as to reproduce the witness of Jesus Christ to the world.

Galatians 4:19

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again UNTIL Christ is formed in you,

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

(2) BEcome complete **καταρτίζω katartizo**, *kat-ar-tid'-zo*; to grow and be growing in your faith and spiritual development. to mend, to restore.

(3) BE of good comfort, **παρακαλέω parakaleo**, *par-ak-al-eh'-o*; stay nearer and nearer to God with every step

(4) BE of one mind, **φρονέω phroneo**, *fron-eh'-o*; to be in agreement or united around what is necessary. Agreeable or tolerant to opinions.

(5) live (BE) in peace; **εἰρηνεύω eireneuo**, to conduct yourself peaceably.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN WE WILL BE MADE MORE LIKE JESUS

2b.) He will be with us all along the way v. 11b

11b and the God of love and peace will be with you.

and the God of "love" / and the God of "peace" / and the God of "I'll be with you."

I Believe That The Importance of This Truth
Will Become Our Greater Reality.

We will endure because of His "love" / Because of His "peace" /

And Because of His Presence = "I'll be with you."

My daughter's, learning how to ride their bikes,
(I couldn't have been closer in their brand new adventure)

Matthew 28:20

teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN WE WILL BE MADE MORE LIKE JESUS

2c.) From start to finish to start

v. 12-13

12 Greet one another with a **holy kiss**. **:13** All the **saints** greet you

Not to Worry,

It has a very broad meaning - - to enfold in the arms, (hug) to salute (gesture) to welcome (pat or to grab the shoulders)

a **holy kiss** verses "the" unholy kiss of Judas.

The Point is –

Know one another. **Talk** to one another. **Care** for one another

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3.) We will be kept by the trinity of God

v. 14

The **grace** of the Lord **Jesus Christ**, and the **love** of **God**, (*father*) and the **communion** of the **Holy Spirit** be with you all. Amen.

being **"Kept by the Trinity of God"** means...

Listen - This is the God of the Bible.

(1) He's the God of **Grace**. (2) He's the God of **Love** and (3) He's the God of **Communion**

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN WE WILL BE KEPT BY THE TRINITY OF GOD

3a.) The grace of Jesus surrounds us

v. 14a

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

Why is the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ important to us ?

Because it's His grace that, Brings all Things to us.

We're surrounded by His grace

John 1:16

And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

A Warning Against False Doctrine

1 John 2:22-23

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

I think you all know this but if you don't – you should, that around the Dome of the Rock mosque in Jerusalem, the Muslim's have written "*God doesn't have a Son*"

This week 3 Columbus Indiana churches Muslim vandal's sprayed on the church buildings "*The infidels say, The Most Merciful has taken a Son.*" – Quran 19:88

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3b.) The love of the Father guides us v. 14b

and the love of God,

Why is the Love of God important to us ?

Because it's His love that, Affords all Affection upon us.

We're guided by His love for us

John 17:9-11

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

WE WILL BE KEPT BY THE TRINITY OF GOD

3c.) The fellowship of the Spirit is with us v. 14c

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all..

communion κοινωνία **koinonia**, *koy-nohn-ee'-ah*; the partnership, the intercourse, the communication, the fellowship.

Why is the communion of the Holy Spirit important to us ?

Because it's His communion that – Sustains us through

Jude 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

John 10:27-30

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. **30** I and My Father are one."

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Be complete, *that is – let God finish His work in you*. Be of **good comfort**, *in a world that has lost its mind and soul*. Be of **one mind**, **united around the doctrine of God**. **live in peace**; and **the God of love** and **peace** will be with you. **Greet** one another with a **holy kiss** *because these are your true brothers and sisters forever*. :All the saints greet *you, from around the world and from heaven too – the saints are the church. You are the church. We are the church of God in Christ.*

Let's Stand Together;

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

"May the LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." – "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And all of God's people said, Amen."

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

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