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[2 Co 4:1](#) Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.

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[2](#) Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

[2](#) But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

[3](#) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

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[4](#) The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

[4](#) In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

[5](#) For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

[5](#) For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

[6](#) For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

[6](#) For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

[7](#) But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

[7](#) But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

[8](#) We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;

[8](#) We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;

[9](#) persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

[9](#) persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

[10](#) We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

[10](#) always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

[11](#) For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.

[11](#) For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

[12](#) So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

[12](#) So death is at work in us, but life in you.

[13](#) It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,

[13](#) Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak,

[14](#) because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

[14](#) knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

[15](#) All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

[15](#) For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

[16](#) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

[16](#) So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

[17](#) For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

[17](#) For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

[18](#) So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

[18](#) as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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[2 Pe 3:1](#) Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.

[2](#) I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

[3](#) Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

[4](#) They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

[5](#) But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

[6](#) By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

[7](#) By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

[8](#) But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

[9](#) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

[2 Pe 3:1](#) This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

[2](#) that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

[3](#) knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

[4](#) They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

[5](#) For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,

[6](#) and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

[7](#) But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

[8](#) But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

[9](#) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

[10](#) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

[10](#) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

[11](#) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

[11](#) Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

[12](#) as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

[12](#) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

[13](#) But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

[13](#) But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

[14](#) So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

[14](#) Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

[15](#) Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

[15](#) And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

[16](#) He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

[16](#) as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

[17](#) Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position.

[17](#) You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

[18](#) But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

[18](#) But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.