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See the Goal FIRST!

**Ephesians 1:** <sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

**Ephesians 1:** <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, **THAT YOU MAY KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED YOU, WHAT ARE THE RICHES OF HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE in the saints,** <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us **who believe**, according to the working of his great might

**Who believe**-present-active participle

**Present**-Continuous action in the present. **Active**-represents the subject as acting.

**Participle**-contemplates **action** as **real** or **actual**.

**2 Corinthians 4:** <sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, **WE DO NOT LOSE HEART.** <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>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.**

<sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>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.**

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

<sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that **the life of Jesus** may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but **life** in you.

<sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, (PRESENT ACTIVE TENSE) and so we also speak,

<sup>14</sup>**KNOWING** that he who raised the Lord Jesus **will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.**

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>**SO WE DO NOT LOSE HEART.** Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

<sup>17</sup>For this light momentary affliction **is preparing** for us an **eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,** <sup>18</sup> **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. aeonian-age-lasting

**2 Corinthians 6:** <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**2 Corinthians 11:** <sup>22</sup>Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup>Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death.

<sup>24</sup>Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup>Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup>on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup> in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

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**Acts 20:** <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, **IF ONLY I MAY FINISH MY COURSE** (*dromon-race*) and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to **testify to the gospel of the grace of God.** <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about **PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM** will see my face again.

**2 Timothy 4:** <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Now we know how important context is, don't we? Just watch the context here, are you ready for this?

**2 Timothy 4:** <sup>1</sup> I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, **who is to judge the living and the dead,** .....

When?

.....and by his appearing and his kingdom:

**1 Corinthians 15:** <sup>52</sup>in a **moment-** (*atomos-uncut, i.e. (by implication) indivisible (an "atom" of time) -- moment.*), in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.