

The Epistles of 1 & 2 Peter (Lesson # 45)

The Conduct of False Teachers part 3 - 2 Peter 2:17-19

2nd Peter has 3 chapters outlined as

God's Certain Provisions (Chapter 1)
Man's Apostasy (Chapter 2)
Christ's Certain Return (Chapter 3)

Outline is adapted from Chester McCalley audio messages under headings of "New Testament", "2 Peter".

Today's verses are covered in lesson # 26, "The Cultic Promise"

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- * ¹⁷ These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.
- ¹⁸ For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.
- ¹⁹ While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage



- * ¹⁷ These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved.
- ¹⁸ For speaking out arrogant *words* of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, ¹⁹ promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.



* 17 These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved.

οὖτοί [pro demonstrative nom masc pl, οὖτος] these, refers to the false teachers **είσιν** [verb ind pres act 3rd per pl, εἰμί] **are being**, real durative existence πηγαὶ [noun nom fem pl, πηγή] springs, abundant water sources, like "fountains" ἄνυδροι, [adj nom fem pl, ἄνυδρος] without water, not producing what they should ομίχλαι is oldest text included in NA28 means mists or fog **νεφέλαι** [noun nom fem pl, νεφέλη] (clouds) is in newer texts used by KJV So I put parenthesis around clouds ὑπὸ [prep, ὑπό] under

λαίλαπος [noun gen fem sing, λαῖλαψ] of strong wind, whirlwind or buffeting wind έλαυνόμεναι [part pres pass nom fem pl, ἐλαύνω] being driven, (Greek phrase for being easily persuaded by human feelings vs being anchored to divine reality)

** My literal translation

These are being springs without water, mists (clouds) under, of strong wind being driven,



* 17 These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved.

οίς [pro rel dat masc pl, ός] for whom

ὁ ζόφος [def art + noun nom masc sing, ὁ ζόφος] **the gloom**, black Danker: [related to γνόφος 'gloom, darkness', which is a later form of δνόφος w. the same mng.] *gloom* – a. generally Hb 12:18. – b. specifically of infernal darkness 2 Pt 2:4, 17; Jd 6, 13. **τοῦ σκότους** [def art + noun gen neut sing, ὁ σκότος] **of the dark** Danker: 1. 'absence of light', darkness Mt 6:23; 8:12; 27:45; Mk 15:33; Ac 2:20; 13:11; 2 Cor 4:6; 2 Pt 2:17; Jd 13. In imagery 1 Cor 4:5. – 2. 'ignorance or benightedness in moral/spiritual matters', darkness Mt 4:16; Lk 1:79; J 3:19; Ac 26:18; Ro 2:19; 2 Cor 6:14; Eph 5:8; 6:12; 1 Th 5:4; 1 Pt 2:9; 1 J 1:6.

είς [prep, είς] unto Friberg: of time to, up to, until, ie unto αίῶνα [noun acc masc sing, αἰών] time, age, a single period of time Note: εἰς αἰῶνα is not in the older Greek texts per both Greek text NA27 & NA28 so I put parenthesis around it, it is in the Received Text (used by KJV), & in all source texts in Jude 13 τετήρηται [verb ind perf pass 3rd per sing, τηρέω] has been kept, or appointed this is singular, so refers back to the gloom of the dark. This is in perfect tense, past completed action, with presently true results. It also is in passive voice, the gloom of the dark was prepared by God, notice v9, reserve the unjust unto the judgment day

** My literal translation

for whom the gloom of the dark (unto time) has been appointed



* 18 **For speaking out arrogant** *words* **of vanity** they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

Υπέρογκα [adj acc neut pl, ὑπέρογκος] exaggerations Friberg: strictly of excessive size, overgrown, (over)swollen; hence, of speech very boastful, bombastic, pompous; -Strong: "oversized," *greatly swollen* ("bloated"); used of a *braggart* who constantly exaggerates, spuing words out from his *inflated ego* (*self-agenda*), arrogant words. γὰρ [conj, γάρ] for, points to a self-evident conclusion **ματαιότητος** [noun gen fem sing, ματαιότης] of unreality, Friberg: strictly nonsense, nothingness, emptiness - Gingrich: emptiness, futility, frustration, transitoriness -Strong: vanity, emptiness, unreality, purposelessness, ineffectiveness, instability, frailty; false religion. I take this as objective genitive, unrealty is the source **φθεγγόμενοι**, [part pres mid deponent nom masc pl, φθέγγομαι] **boasting**, Friberg: literally speak puffed-up words, i.e. speak bombastically, make hollow boasts - present tense so is <u>durative</u>, deponent ie only is in <u>middle voice</u> in Greek reveals this is <u>self</u> centered, plural adds that they are speaking many self-centered puffed-up words about what is not reality, from a distortion of what God tells us is real

** My literal translation, exaggerations for of unreality, boasting
We likely would say it like this, 'for boasting exaggerations of unreality'



* 18 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

δελεάζουσιν [verb ind pres act 3rd pers pl, δελεάζω] they are luring Friberg: related to δέλεαρ (bait); literally lure, entrap; Danker: 'lure by the use of bait' Js 1:14; 2 Pt 2:14,18.

έν [prep, έν] in, by, here likely is instrumentality for both baits. by ἐπιθυμίαις [noun dat fem pl, ἐπι+θυμία] strong desires, strong + burn σαρκός, [noun gen fem sing, σάρξ] of flesh, our human nature is in view ἀσελγείαις, [noun dat fem pl, ἀ+σέλγεια] uncontrolled senses, bad or unprincipled use of physical senses, Friberg: living without any moral restraint licentiousness, sensuality, lustful indulgence (2 Cor 12:21)



** My literal translation

they are luring by strong desires of flesh, by uncontrolled senses,



* 18 For speaking out arrogant *words* of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, **those who barely escape from the ones who live in error**,

τοὺς [def art acc masc pl, ò] **those**, **believers** escaped = factual aorist active participle **Note**: I put in literal translation 'recently' in parenthesis because the NA27 text has **ὀλιγως**, adv, in a little degree, just, scarcely, and in relation to time, **(recently)**, while NA28 text has ὄντως from older original texts…

ὄντως [adv, ὄντως] **really** or actually - Friberg: an adverb from the present participle of εἰμί (be); (1) of what is conformable to fact *truly, really, in reality* – Gingrich: adv. *really, certainly, in truth* – Danker: 'in every sense of the word', unquestionably, really 1 Cor 14:25; Gal 3:21; *actually* 2 Pt 2:18

ἀποφυγόντας [part aor act acc masc pl, ἀποφεύγω] have escaped – Friberg, Gingrich, Danker: literally escape, flee from; - 2 Pt 1:4; 2:18, 20. (Aorist, is factual) τοὺς [def art acc masc pl, ὁ] those, unbelievers and possibly some believers ἐν [prep, ἐν] in, by, I take this as personal delusion by, because of, in sphere of πλάνη [noun dat fem sing, πλάνη] delusion - Gingrich: wandering from the path of truth, error, delusion, deception Js 5:20; 2 Pt 2:18; 3:17; 1 J 4:6; Jd 11. (self as god) ἀναστρεφομένους, [part pres pass acc masc pl, ἀναστρέφω] are being enslaved ie are being caused to walk/live a certain way. [ἀνά + στρέφω] self deception is a form of self rule, that causes one to continually not believe divine reality, absolute truth.

** My literal translation those *who* (recently) really have escaped *from* those *who* by delusion are being enslaved



* 19 **promising them freedom** while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

έλευθερίαν [noun acc fem sing, ἐλευθερία] liberty – ie, free of any external control. Friberg: as a state of being free *freedom*, *liberty*, opposite δουλεία (*slavery*, *bondage*); (1) of a life rescued from spiritual and moral wrongdoing freedom (2C 3:17); (2) of a conscience no longer dominated by binding scruples freedom, liberty (1C 10:29); (3) of a way of life no longer dominated by legal constraint liberty (Ga 2.4); (4) as the liberation of nature from decay and corruption *freedom* (Ro 8.21) αὐτοῖς [pro pers dat masc pl, αὐτός] them, Note: the ones being taught are being offered or promised that it's ok to live as self-willed, ie not as God-willed humans. ἐπαγγελλόμενοι, [part pres mid/pass deponent nom masc pl, ἐπαγγέλλω] offering Friberg: (1) as a divine or human declaration, offering to do something (make a) promise, offer (Ja 1.12); (2) as what one is asserting about himself profess, lay claim to (1Tim 2:10) Note:1Tim 6:20-21 has same word form, "O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called 'knowledge' which some have professed and by doing so have gone astray from the faith..."

** My literal translation, liberty them offering, We likely would say it this way, 'offering them liberty'



* 19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

αὐτοὶ [pro pers nom masc pl, αὐτός] **they δοῦλοι** [noun nom masc pl, δοῦλος] **slaves** Friberg: 3) figuratively; b) being sin controlled, *slave as in* Jn 8:34 "Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin." ὑπάρχοντες [part pres act nom masc pl, ὑπό+ἄρχω] **being under rules**, under+rules Danker 2. 'to function or be in a state as determined by circumstance', be: of occupying a place or position Lk 8:41; 9:48; Ac 2:30; 2 Pt 2:19 **τῆς φθορᾶς·** [def art + noun gen fem sing, φθορά] **from the depravity** – Gingrich: *ruin, destruction, dissolution, corruption* Ro 8:21; 1 Cor 15:42, 50; Gal 6:8; Col 2:22; 2 Pt 2:12; *depravity* 2 Pt 1:4; 2:19. This 'the' particular depravity, being self-ruled

Note: Because of the content of the next phrases, I take this as genitive of source, the self-focused depravity is the source of the rules they willfully serve.

** My literal translation they *are* slaves being under rules of the depravity



* 19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

ψ [pro rel dat neut sing, ὅς] by whatever
γάρ [conj coord, γάρ] for, points to a self-evident conclusion
τις [pron indef nom masc sing, τὶς] someone

ἤττηται, [verb ind perf mid/pass deponent 3rd pers sing, ἡττάω] **is defeated** - Friberg: only passive in the NT; related to ἥσσων and ἥττων (*lesser, inferior, worse*); (1) strictly be put to the worse; hence be defeated, conquered (2Pt 2:19, - Gingrich: be defeated (by) succumb (to) 2 Pt 2:19

τούτω [pro demon dat neut sing, οὖτος] by this

καὶ [conj, καί] and, also, even

δεδούλωται. [verb ind perf pass 3rd pers sing, δουλόω] **he is enslaved** - Friberg: literally, as requiring absolute obedience *enslave*, *make* someone *a slave* (Ac 7:6); figuratively *gain control over* someone – Danker: enslave – central sense Ac 7:6; 2 Pt 2:19 (a standard experience in military defeat). Indicative mood verb showing reality, perfect tense = past action with durative results, passive voice he was & is acted upon

** My literal translation, by whatever for someone is defeated, by this also he is enslaved. We likely would say it this way,

'for whatever defeats someone also enslaves them'



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¹⁹ Liberty them offering, they *are* slaves being under rules from the depravity,

whatever for someone is defeated by, by that also he is enslaved.

*** Wuest's expanded translation

¹⁷ These are springs without water; and mists driven by a tempest, for whom the blackness of the darkness has been reserved. 18 For when they are uttering extravagant things that are in their character futile, they are alluring by means of the cravings of the flesh (evil nature), by means of wanton acts, those who are just about escaping from those who are ordering their behavior in the sphere of error. ¹⁹ While they are promising them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption. For by whom a person has been overcome with the result that he is in a state of subjugation, to this one has he been enslaved with the result that he is in a state of slavery.



An overview review

God's Certain Provisions (Chapter 1)

The believer's resources, needs and adequacy v1-14
The trustworthiness of the Apostles witness v15-18
The Divine origin of Scripture v19-21

Man's Apostasy (Chapter 2)

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The conduct of false teachers v10-19
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Christ's Certain Return (Chapter3)

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Facts about the conduct of false teachers, v10-19

- > They walk under the control of the bad passions of the flesh (sin nature) v10
- * and especially those who indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties
- > They hold in contempt any authority over themselves, including God's v10
- * and especially those who indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties
- > They are boldly arrogant, proud, selfish, self-focused, and self-willed v10
- * and especially those who indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and despise authority. **Daring**, **self-willed**, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties
- > They do not respect, in awe or speech, beings greater than themselves v10
- * and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties
- > They ignore that good angels leave condemnation of evil angels to God v11
- * whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord



Facts about the conduct of false teachers, v10-19

- > They act like self-survival focused animals that are to be destroyed v12
- * But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,
- > They speak evil or lie about things they are ignorant about v12
- * But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,
- > They will be corrupted by their own corruption v12
- * But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,

Note: Greek here is literally, 'by their own corruption they will also be corrupted'

- > They will obtain payment from disregard for what is right v13 this is literal of:
- * suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you,



Facts about the conduct of false teachers, v10-19

- > They take pleasure by daily living luxuriously instead of working v13
- * suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you,
- > They are without moral and graceful character v13
- * suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you,
- > They enjoy & show self deceptions by excessively feasting with believers v13
- * suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you,
- > They hold eyes full of adultery and never satisfied sin v14
- * having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;
- > They attract with bait unstable souls v14
- * having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;



Facts about the conduct of false teachers, v10-19

- > They have a heart that has been and is trained from greed v14
- * having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;
- > They are having a curse children v14
- * having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;
- > They have left the way of morality v15
- * forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
- > They have been misled or deceived v15
- * forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
- > They follow Balaam's way, who loved being paid more than giving truth v15
- * forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
- > They are the focus of God's rebuke by these words through Peter v16
- * but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.



Facts about the conduct of false teachers, v10-19

- > They are an example of what is not God's way for us to follow v16
- * but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet
- > They are fountains without water, (no words from God's Spirit) v17
- * These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved.
- > They are mists driven by strong winds, (they have unstable beliefs) v17
- * These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved
- > Their gloom of the absence of light has been and is being maintained v17
- * These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved

Note: v17 main verb, they are existing (ind pres act \underline{pl}) => for whom (dat \underline{pl}) versus

the gloom of no light (both <u>sing</u>) => that has been and is now being (ind perf pass <u>sing</u>) maintained, preserved



Facts about the conduct of false teachers, v10-19 They are now in this gloom for the following reasons v18-19

- > They are saying great swelling lies as bait for our fallen natures v18
- * For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,
- > They are deceiving some who have been following the right path v18
- * For speaking out arrogant *words* of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, **those who barely escape from the ones who live in error**,
- > They are declaring it is liberty to be a self willed independent human v19
- * promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.
- > They have been & are now enslaved by this self-focused error v19
- * promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.
- > They are a bad example of the principle: 'what overcomes also enslaves' v19
- * promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

The condemnation of false teachers v20-22 Is the content we plan to present next time

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Here are some <u>good</u> examples of the principle: 'what overcomes also enslaves

- * Jn 4:14, "but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life".
- > The word 'well' is same as in 2 Pt 2:17, πηγή 'fountain'.
- * Jn 7:38-39 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."
- > 'Innermost being' is a description of our 'heart', the essence of who we are. We and whoever drinks or trusts the water Christ Jesus has given, are now fountains of God's 'living water of life'.



Here's another <u>good</u> example of the principle: 'what overcomes also enslaves'

- * Jn 16:12-15 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you."
- ➢ God the Son, gave us God the Holy Spirit to share His living water, the things of the Father & Christ, to and through us.
- > So it is God who is using us as His own fountains of these things of God, the 'living water of life'.



Here's another <u>good</u> example of the principle: 'what overcomes also enslaves'

* Eph 6:5-9 "<u>Slaves</u>, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but <u>as slaves of Christ</u>, <u>doing the will of God</u> from the heart. ⁷ With <u>good</u> will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, ⁸ knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free. ⁹ And <u>masters</u>, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both <u>their Master and yours is in heaven</u>, and there is no partiality with Him."

see also these references Col 3:22; 2 Cor 1:12, 8:2, 9:11 &13, 11:3, Rom 12:8

> Today, as employees and as employers, we, as God's called out ones, are the fountains God uses to give His things, 'the water of life', into this world.

So... What are God's things, this water of life?

Salvation, Sanctification, & Sharing His Glory,
He creates us, He lives in us, His Glory is seen through us,
and His Glory will forever be praised.



How does God give Salvation today? Here are God's words...

- * John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life
- * 1 Cor 1:18 & 21 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.
- * 1 Cor 15:3-4 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
- Christ's work of dying on the cross paid the death penalty for all our sin.
- His death was verified by his body being buried in a tomb.
- ➢ His death has been accepted as payment in full for our sin because He has been raised from that one death to everlasting life.



How does God give Sanctification today? Here are God's words...

- * Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- * 1 Cor 12:12-13 For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
- * Rom 6:3-8 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,



How does God give Sanctification today? Here are God's words...

- * 2 Cor 2:14-17 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place ¹⁵ For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; ¹⁶ to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? ¹⁷ For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.
- * Col 2:10-13 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; ¹¹ and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; ¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,



How does God Share His Glory today? Here are God's words...

- * Rom 8:28-29 "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;
- > He sees us right now "conditioned and positioned" in His Son
- * 1 Cor 3:17-18 "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."
- ➤ He is changing us "conditionally", to reveal what He sees us to already be, partakers of His own nature, through faith in the things of God that are being given to us by the work of His Spirit, through the written words of God.



How does God Share His Glory today? Here are God's words...

* Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

The fruit of God's Spirit in & through us is;

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control.

All these things of God, are God's productions of His own Glory