



14 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you. NASB

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To know by perception, to be aware (PARTICIPLE IN ACTIVE VOICE, 1ST Person) **We know now**

What do we know?

He. The Father. The One having raised the Son.

He will also raise us up to be with Jesus

What else do we know?

"to place beside" "to stand beside" Indicative, future, active

*The **Father** will cause both us and **you to stand in His own presence with Jesus.***

God's power would unite Paul with his fellow believers whom God would also resurrect

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What will be our acceptability to God be then?

Ephesians 5:27 (NASB) ²⁷ *that He might present (same word) to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.*

Colossians 1:22 (NASB) ²² *yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—*

1 Thessalonians 4:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.*

*¹⁵For all things are **for your sakes**, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to **abound to the glory of God**.*

- **All was for God's glory,**
- But as its object, it is for **the elect's sake**, the church.
- There we have the truth of the church, **that everything was for their sakes** - all this even in Paul. *Darby*

[\(Rom. 8:28, 29\)](#) NASB.

²⁸And 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.

²⁹For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

Paul had brought God's grace to Corinth, and now **the Corinthians were taking that grace to other people in other places**. Gratitude is always the proper response to God's grace.

"As God's **grace expanded** in their hearts and through them reached **ever-increasing numbers**, so too, the volume of thanksgiving to God for the receipt of illumination would increase and promote the glory of God." (cf. 4:6)

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NASB)

*⁶ For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is **the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.***

How Should we look at trials?

¹⁵"For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God".

1. Since He is **both** my **God** and my **Father**, and
2. Since all of the hardships He takes me through are specifically designed to conform me to the **image** of the **Lord Jesus**,

How can I help but trust Him and rejoice in His faithfulness?

"It is well to remember that the deepest and truest spiritual qualities are **not** learned or established in us by our happy or enjoyable times, but in the difficult ones! In the **securing of Christ in greater measure in our lives**, we find that it is by the things which we suffer that we learn most. CJBH

"The one purpose which our Father has in view, in all His ways, is to **conform us to the image of His Son.**

The chief concern of our Lord is

- Not to instruct us about a multitude of details,
- Not to explain to us the reason for the trials which we are called to pass through.
- He is working out everything to serve His supreme purpose **in displaying the character of His Son in His redeemed ones."**

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"If the external plannings of men or Satan further God's plans, they succeed; if not, they come to nothing." -J.N.D.

*¹⁶Therefore **we do not lose heart**, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.*

*"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (**Rom. 8:18**).*

*"Now thanks be unto God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ" (**2 Cor. 2:14**).*

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Decaying-to rot thoroughly, Indicative-Present-Passive

How then is this to be accomplished?

1. It is **His and my purpose** that it should be this way
2. I look to the Lord **not** to allow a single thing in me that will hinder my showing out the glory of the life of Christ.
3. God then **comes in** to help.
4. God brings in that which will **break down** the flesh

I cannot explain it for another, but I know for myself how the Lord keeps me not *depressed* but *small*. Stoney

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

Renewed- (kainos); to *make brand new in the sense of new in kind and quality.* Indicative-Present-Passive

” **“Christian growth is the becoming real in ourselves, of what is already true of us in the Lord Jesus.**

I am the vine you are the branches

- **A true believer, therefore, will ask no better thing of the Lord than that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in his body ([2 Cor. 4:11](#)).**