

Sunday Morning in the Word



September 26, 2018

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1:8-12

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Adam Swift

“God has disclosed in his special revelation all that mankind needs to know for salvation and life. While there are mysteries left unrevealed, nothing is omitted that is necessary. **The Scriptures, then, are enough** for the Church’s pursuit of gospel ministry as it obeys the Great Commission and for the fullness of its sanctification.”

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2 Timothy 1:8

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and that is why I suffer these things. But **I am not
ashamed . . .**

2 Timothy 1:12a

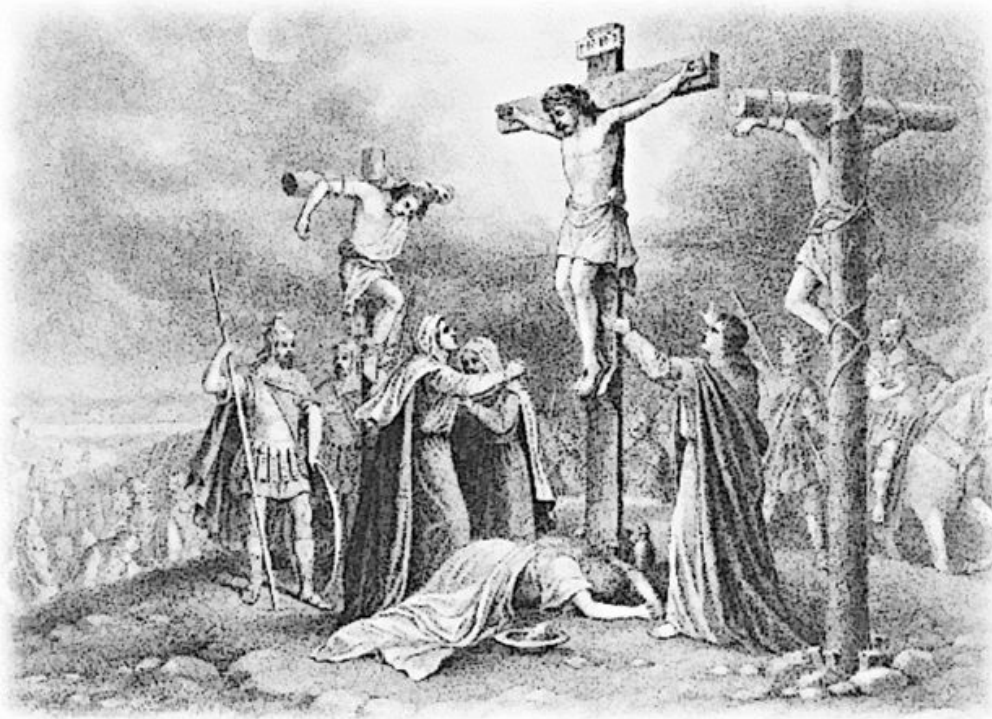
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May the Lord grant mercy to the household of **Onesiphorus**, because he often refreshed me and **was not ashamed of my chains.**

2 Timothy 1:16

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Roman Crucifixion



Crucifixion was considered scandalous in Roman society.

If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, **the world hates you**. Remember the word I spoke to you: "A servant is not greater than his

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We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed. We always carry the death of Jesus in our body, so that the life of Jesus may also be displayed in our body. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus's sake, so that Jesus's life may also be displayed in our mortal flesh. So then, death is at work in us, but life in you.

2 Corinthians 4:8–12

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In fact, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus **will** be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3:12

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Five Action Steps to Stand Tall for the Gospel

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- Rely on God's power

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For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of **power**, love, and sound judgment.

2 Timothy 1:7

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... and what is the **immeasurable greatness** of his power toward us who believe, according to the **mighty working of his strength**. He exercised this power in Christ by raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens—far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every title given, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:19–21

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Martin Luther

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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He has saved us and **called us with a holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

2 Timothy 1:9

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2 Timothy 1:9–10

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“Our opponents say, ‘Salvation belongs to the free will of man; if not to man's merit, yet at least to man's will;’”



Charles
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“But we hold and teach that salvation from first to last, in every iota of it, belongs to the Most High God. It is God that chooses His people. He calls them by His grace; He quickens them by His Spirit, and keeps them by His power.”



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For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him.

Ephesians 1:4

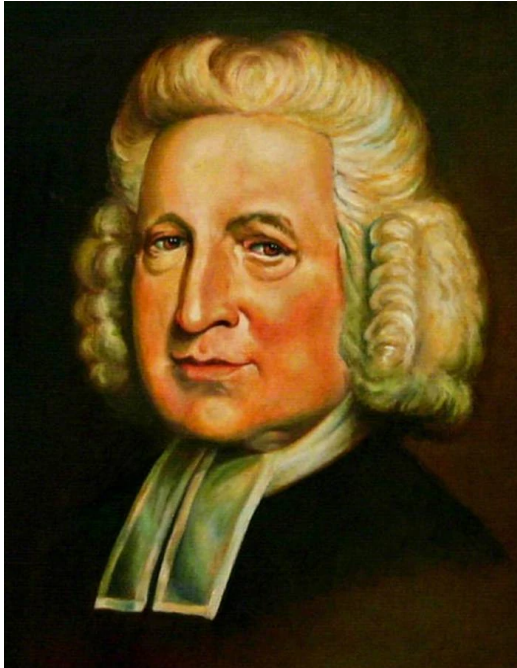
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2 Timothy 1:10

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Charles Wesley

And Can It Be?

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For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

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For this gospel I was appointed a herald, apostle,
and teacher . . .

2 Timothy 1:11

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8

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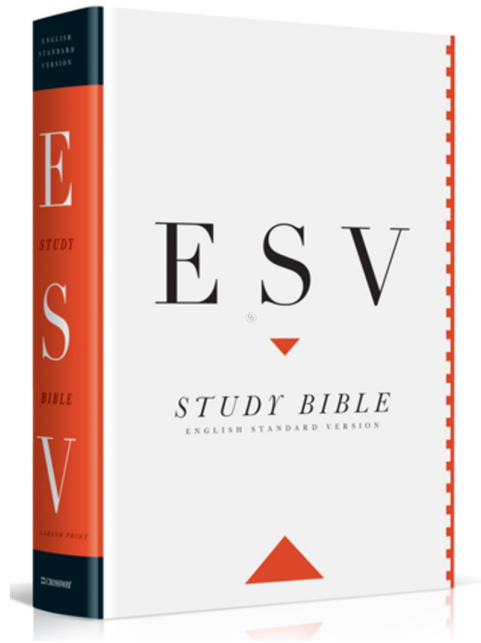
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For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard **what I have entrusted to Him** until that day.

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Guard ... what has been entrusted to me (“my deposit”) means either that God will **guard the gospel**, which has been entrusted to Paul, or that God will **guard Paul’s life** (“what I have entrusted to him,”). Either way, it is this confidence in God that prevents Paul from being ashamed. His boldness arises not from self-confidence but from God-confidence (see 2 Cor. 3:5).

Rest in God's Sufficiency

It is not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God.

2 Corinthians 3:5

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Do YOU want to

Stand Tall?

For Jesus and the gospel?

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