

*New  
Testament  
Readings*

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## New Testament Reading # 1

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Therefore Brothers and Sisters:

since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have gained access [by faith] to this grace  
in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions,  
knowing that affliction produces endurance,  
and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope,  
and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God  
has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit  
that has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless,  
yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,  
though perhaps for a good person  
one might even find courage to die.

But God proves his love for us in that  
while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood,  
will we be saved through him from the wrath.

Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God  
through the death of his Son, how much more, once  
reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Not only that, but we also boast of God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 2

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

If, by the transgression of the one,  
death came to reign through that one,  
how much more will those who receive  
the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification  
come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression  
condemnation came upon all,  
so, through one righteous act,  
acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one person  
the many were made sinners,  
so through the obedience of the one  
the many will be made righteous.

The law entered in so that transgression might increase  
but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more,  
so that, as sin reigned in death,  
grace also might reign through justification  
for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 3

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him  
through a death like his,  
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him,  
so that our sinful body might be done away with,  
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead,  
dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 4

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.  
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you received a spirit of adoption,  
through which we cry, "Abba, Father!"

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit  
that we are children of God, and if children,  
then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,  
if only we suffer with him  
so that we may also be glorified with him.

Destiny of Glory.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.  
For creation awaits with eager expectation  
the revelation of the children of God;  
for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord  
but because of the one who subjected it,  
in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery  
to corruption and share in the glorious freedom  
of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains  
even until now;  
and not only that, but we ourselves,  
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,  
we also groan within ourselves  
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 5

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

What then shall we say to this?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn? It is Christ [Jesus] who died, rather,

was raised, who also is at the right hand of God,

who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

No, in all these things

we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced

that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 6

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord

and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,

that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;

for it is written:

*"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."*

So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 7

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

But now Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since death came through a human being,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.  
For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:  
Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming,  
those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end,  
when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father,  
when he has destroyed every sovereignty  
and every authority and power.  
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.  
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,  
for "he subjected everything under his feet."  
But when it says that everything has been subjected,  
it is clear that it excludes the one  
who subjected everything to him.  
When everything is subjected to him,  
then the Son himself  
will also be subjected to the one  
who subjected everything to him,  
so that God may be all in all.

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those who belong to Christ.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 9

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Brothers and sisters:

Behold, I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,  
in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised  
incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For that which is corruptible  
must clothe itself with incorruptibility,  
and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.

And when this which is corruptible  
clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal  
clothes itself with immortality,  
then the word that is written shall come about:

*“Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?”*

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers,  
be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted  
to the work of the Lord,  
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 10

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith,  
according to what is written,  
“I believed, therefore I spoke,”  
we too believe and therefore speak,  
knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus  
and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance  
on more and more people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;  
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,  
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction  
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory  
beyond all comparison,  
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;  
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

For in this tent we groan,  
longing to be further clothed  
with our heavenly habitation.

The word of the Lord.

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a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

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longing to be further clothed  
with our heavenly habitation.

So we are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body  
and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each one may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body,  
whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,  
and from it we also await a savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body  
to conform with his glorified Body  
by the power that enables him also  
to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 13

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep,  
so that you may not grieve like the rest,  
who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
so too will God, through Jesus,  
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,  
that we who are alive,  
who are left until the coming of the Lord,  
will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,  
with the voice of an archangel and  
with the trumpet of God,  
will come down from heaven,  
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 14

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

So you, my child,  
be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.  
Reflect on what I am saying,  
for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.  
Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,  
a descendant of David: such is my gospel,  
for which I am suffering,  
even to the point of chains, like a criminal.  
But the word of God is not chained.  
Therefore, I bear with everything  
for the sake of those who are chosen,  
so that they too may obtain the salvation  
that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.  
This saying is trustworthy:  
If we have died with him  
we shall also live with him;  
If we persevere,  
we shall also reign with him.  
But if we deny him,  
he will deny us.  
If we are unfaithful,  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

## New Testament Reading # 15

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him,

for we shall see him as he is.

Everyone who has this hope based on him  
makes himself pure, as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.



## New Testament Reading # 16

A reading from the first Letter of Revelation

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.  
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.  
He will dwell with them and they will be his people  
and God himself will always be with them as their God.  
He will wipe every tear from their eyes  
and there shall be no more death or mourning,  
wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”  
The one who sat on the throne said,  
“Behold, I make all things new.”  
Then he said, “Write these words down,  
for they are trustworthy and true.”  
He said to me, “They are accomplished.  
I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end.  
To the thirsty I will give a gift  
from the spring of life-giving water.  
The victor will inherit these gifts,  
and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

The word of the Lord.