

Enduring with Christ

2 Tim 2:8-13

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This is the cow. She must be milked every morning so that she will produce milk, and the milk must be boiled in order to be mixed with coffee to make coffee and milk.

Deut 4:9

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children—

Deuteronomy 4:9 (ESV)

Joshua 4:5-7

And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, that this may be a sign among you.

When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

When it passed over the Jordan,
the waters of the Jordan were cut
off. So these stones shall be to the
people of Israel a memorial
forever.”

Joshua 4:5–7 (ESV)

Psalm 78:10-11

They did not keep God's covenant,
but refused to walk according to
his law. **They forgot his works and
the wonders that he had shown
them.**

Psalm 78:10–11 (ESV)

2 Peter 1:5-9

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,

and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For whoever lacks these qualities is
so nearsighted that he is blind,
having forgotten that he was
cleansed from his former sins.

2 Peter 1:5–9 (ESV)

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

2 Timothy 2:8-13

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Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory

The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

2 Tim 2:8-13 (ESV)

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The *Triumphant Savior*

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Μνημονεύω – “remember”

mnēmoneuō (μνήμων ‘mindful’)

- ① remember, keep in mind, think of
- ② retain in one’s memory

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“Jesus Christ” – 139x, 83x in Paul,
emphasizes his glory

“Christ Jesus” – 88x, 87x in Paul,
emphasizes his grace

Share in suffering as a good **soldier of Christ Jesus**. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

2 Timothy 2:3–4 (ESV)

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Truth #1

Jesus has the power
over death

1 Cor 15:51-58

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a 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.

For this perishable body must put
on the imperishable, and this
mortal body must put on
immortality.

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:
“Death is swallowed up in victory.”
“O death, where is your victory? O death, where 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 steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor
is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:51–58 (ESV)

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, **the offspring of David**, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

Truth #2

God keeps His
promises

Has not the Scripture said that **the Christ comes from the offspring of David**, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”

John 7:42 (ESV)

The *Triumphant* *Savior*

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The Triumphant Savior

The Tenacious Servant

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I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

Truth #3

The Christian Life
entails suffering with
Christ

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Truth #4

God's Word cannot
be stopped

Isaiah 55:10-11

“For as the rain and the snow
come down from heaven and do
not return there but water the
earth, making it bring forth and
sprout, giving seed to the sower
and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out
from my mouth; **it shall not return
to me empty, but it shall
accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for
which I sent it.**

Isaiah 55:10–11 (ESV)

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2 Timothy 2:10 (ESV)

The Triumphant Savior

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The Trustworthy Saying

The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

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For **you have died**, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:3 (ESV)

Romans 6:1-8

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

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

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing,

so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Romans 6:1–8 (ESV)

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Truth #5

A Christian will have
eternal life

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Luke 19:17

And he said to him, 'Well done,
good servant! **Because you have
been faithful in a very little, you
shall have authority over ten cities.'**

Luke 19:17 (ESV)

1 Cor 3:11-15

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—

— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. **If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.**

If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:11–15 (ESV)

Revelation 2:26-27

The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, **for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life**, which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12 (ESV)

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Truth #6

A faithful/enduring
Christian will be
rewarded

Therefore I endure everything for
the sake of the elect, that they also
may obtain the salvation that is in
Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2 Timothy 2:10 (ESV)

2 Tim 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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Context:

1. Be strong in grace
2. Pass on the deposit
3. Like a soldier, athlete, and farmer
 - Work hard / endure suffering
 - Expect reward

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Daniel 2 – Four Kingdoms

Daniel 3 – God rescues

Daniel 4 – Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 5 – Beltshazzar

Daniel 6 – God rescues

Daniel 7 – Four Kingdoms

So we are always of good courage. 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

Yes, we are of good courage, and

we would rather be away

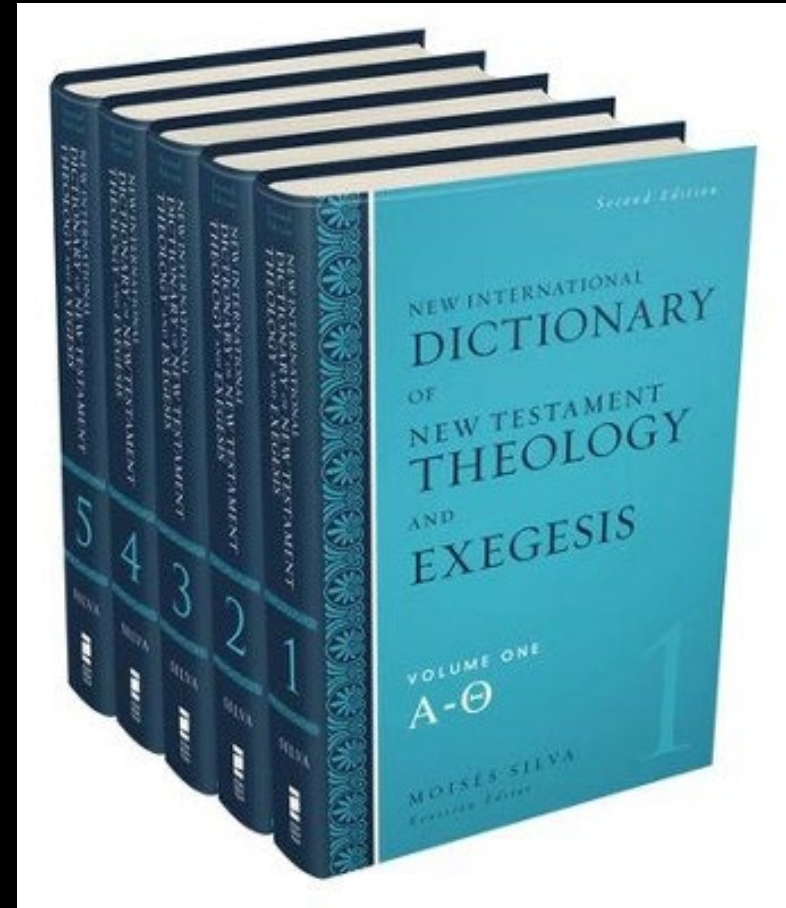
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2 Corinthians 5:6–8 (ESV)

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ἀρνέομαι (arneomai) – “to deny”
“the basic sense, to give a negative response, to say no.” The opposite can be expressed with various verbs, inc. didōmi “to give” and esp. homologeō “to agree, assent to”



Then Telemakhos said, “Mother, I am the only man either in Ithaca or in the islands that are over against Elis who has the right to let any one have the bow or **to refuse it**

Homer, *The Odyssey*. 21.345

First of all, get a house, and a woman and an ox for the plough—a slave woman and not a wife, to follow the oxen as well—and make everything ready at home,

Hesiod, *The Homeric Hymns and Homerica* with an English Translation by Hugh G. Evelyn-White. *Works and Days*. (Medford, MA: Cambridge, MA., Harvard University Press; London, William Heinemann Ltd., 1914).

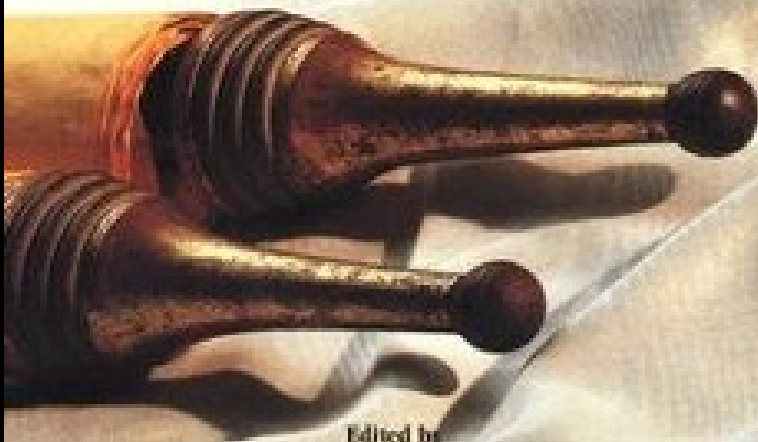
so that you may not have to ask of
another, and **he refuse** you, and
so, because you are in lack, the
season pass by and your work
come to nothing

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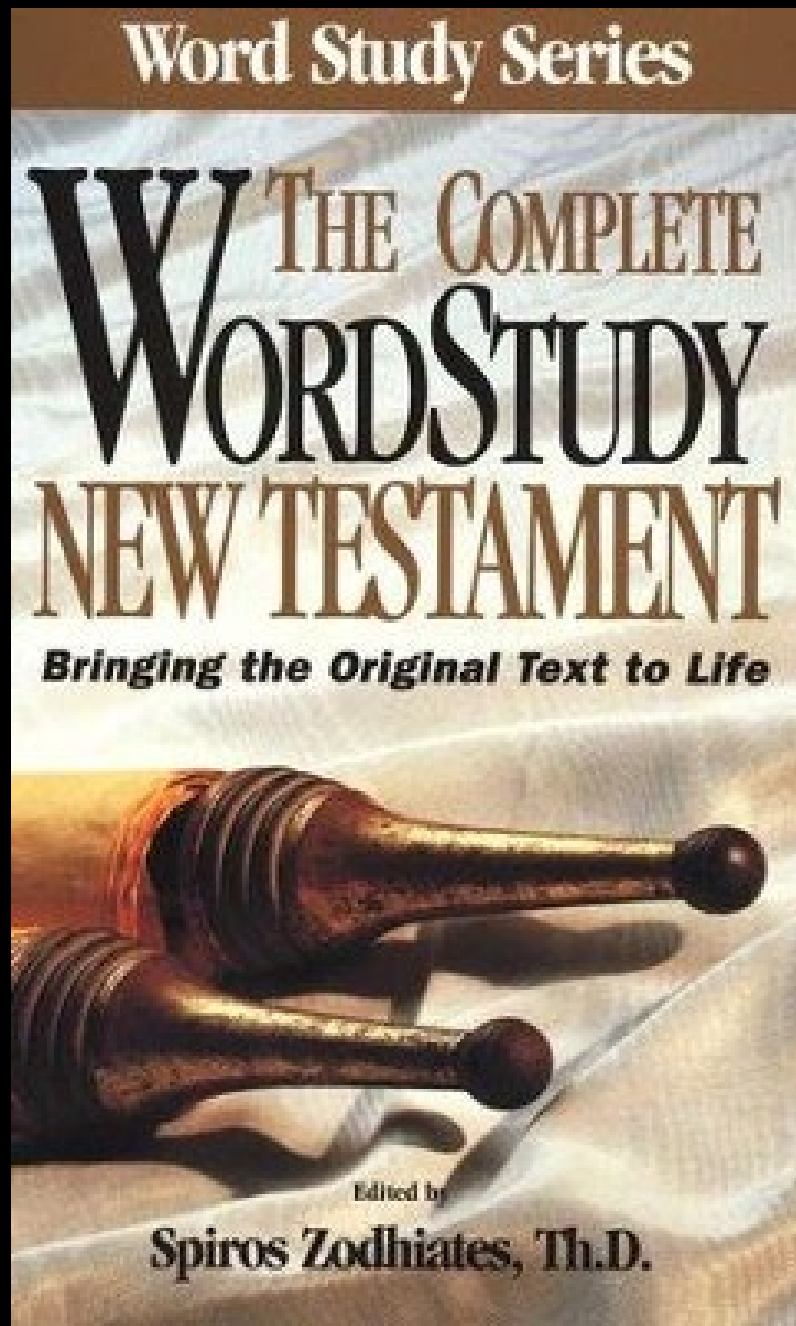
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How will the Lord
Jesus deny believers?
In Matt. 10:33, “him
will I also deny before
my Father which is in
heaven.”



This may refer to the rewards of the believers, since the word here does not necessarily mean an utter denial as the case will be in the day of judgment for those who acted as would-be Christian miracle workers.

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Truth #7

An unfaithful/
unenduring Christian
will forfeit reward

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ἄπιστέω (apisteō) – “faithless”

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- ② not believe in someone
- ③ be unfaithful

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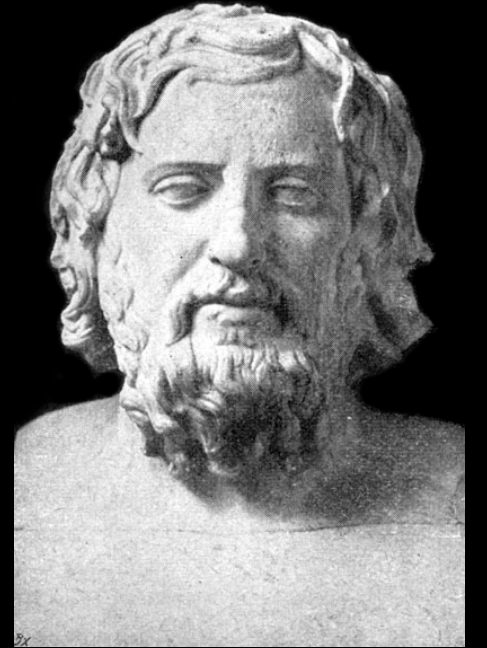
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Xenophon (430-354 BC)

Greek historian,
philosopher,
and soldier



About “Proxenus the Boeotian”

“As a leader, he was qualified to command gentlemen, but he was not capable of inspiring his soldiers with either respect for himself or fear; on the contrary, he really stood in greater awe of his men than they,

whom he commanded, did of him,
and it was manifest that he was
more afraid of incurring the hatred
of his soldiers than they were of
disobeying him.

Xenophon, 2.6.19

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John 6:35-40

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

All that the Father gives me will come to me, **and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.** For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, **that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.**”

Truth #8

A Christian –
even if disobedient –
will still be saved

Application

Remembering Christ,

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He will make it worth it!