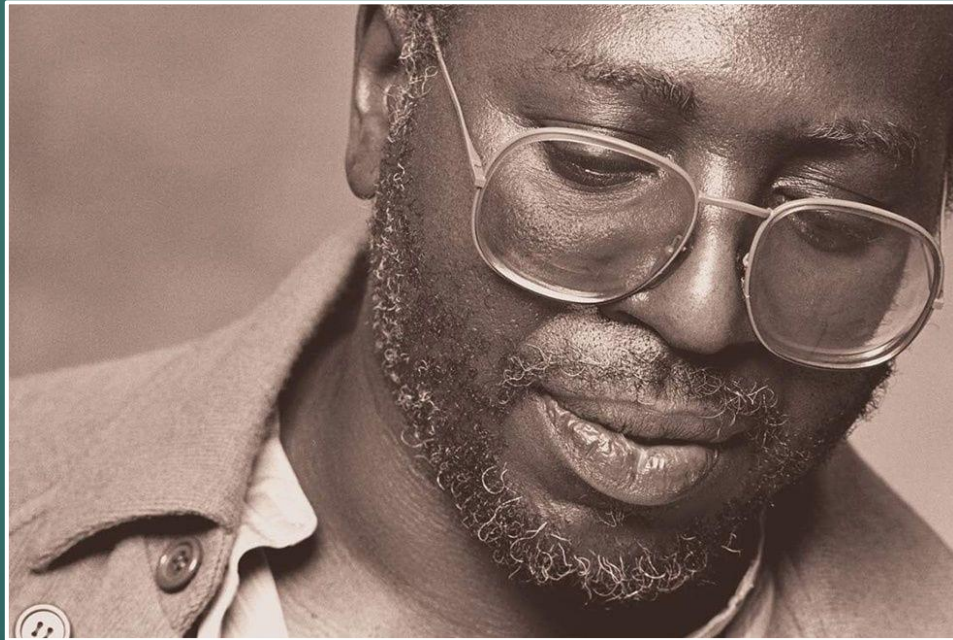




Keep On Keeping On!

2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13

Curtis Mayfield



2 Timothy 2:1-7

▶ An Amazing Mission

- ▶ Pass on the baton of sound Bible doctrine and practice to the next generation.

▶ An Amazing Challenge

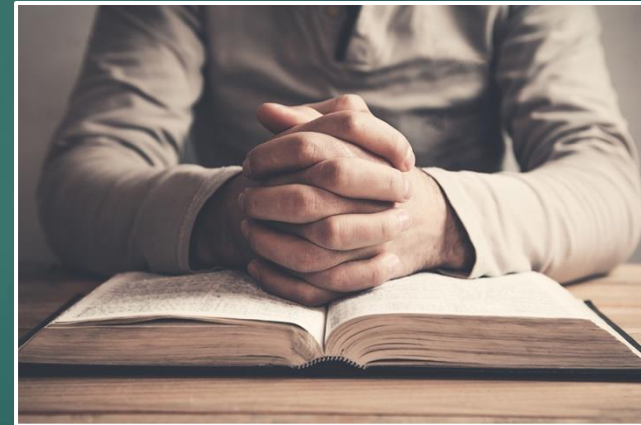
- ▶ Be like a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Be like a rule-keeping athlete.
- ▶ Be like a hard-working farmer.

2 Timothy 2:8-13



The First Truth ...

- ▶ We “keep on keeping on” by remembering that our strength is rooted in the unfailing grace of Jesus. 1



Titus 2:11-13

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, **(Saves)**

¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, **(Trains)**

¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. **(Sustains)**

Life's Road Trip

God's grace gets us going, keeps us going, and sustains us until life's road trip is over.



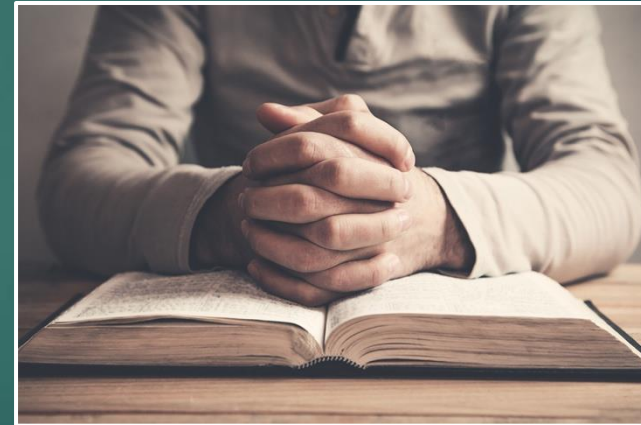
The Second Truth ...

- ▶ We “keep on keeping on” by remembering that Jesus endured and has overcome, and so will we. 8

Remember Jesus

Raised from the dead

Returning Messiah and King



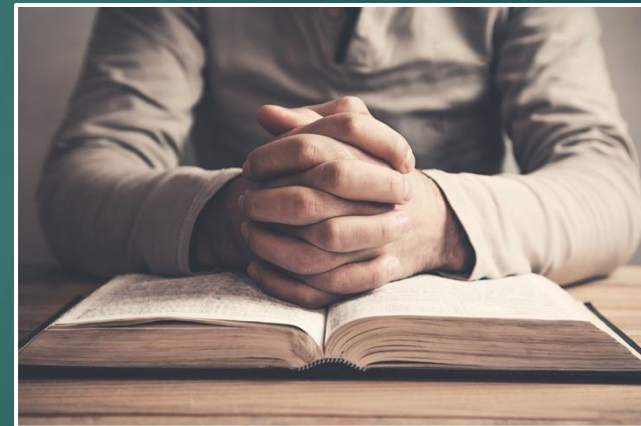
1 Corinthians 15:57-58

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ 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.

The Third Truth ...

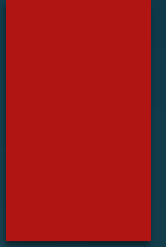
- ▶ We “keep on keeping on” by remembering that we may be persecuted and bound in chains, but the Word of God is never bound. 9



Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.





Isaiah 55:10-11

¹⁰ “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,

¹¹ 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.”

1 Peter 1:22-24

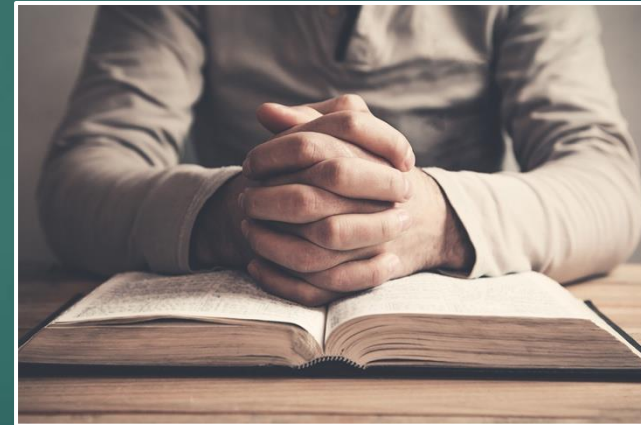
²⁴ For “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

The Centrality of Scripture



The Fourth Truth ...

- ▶ We “keep on keeping on” by remembering that God is calling out the elect for salvation and eternal glory. 10



What do we know about the elect?

- ▶ They are specifically chosen by God for salvation.
- ▶ They are not chosen for anything they have done.
- ▶ They are chosen by God before the beginning of time.
- ▶ In the course of time, they are born, hear the gospel, repent of their sin, and trust Jesus as their Savior.
- ▶ They are given the destiny of eternal glory.

2 Timothy 1:9-10

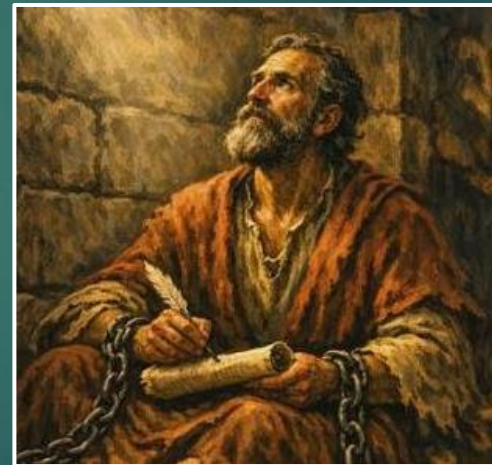
⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 11:23-29

- ▶ Imprisonment
- ▶ Severe Beatings
- ▶ Stoning
- ▶ Shipwrecks
- ▶ Dangers on the Road
- ▶ Hard Work and Toil
- ▶ Sleepless Nights
- ▶ Hunger and Thirst
- ▶ Cold and Exposure
- ▶ The Weight of Concern

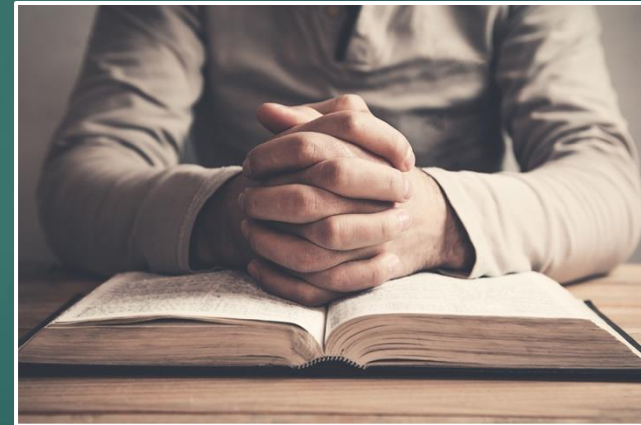


The Elect Are Out There!



The Fifth Truth ...

- ▶ We “keep on keeping on” by remembering four trustworthy statements. 11-13



The Four Statements

- 1) If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him.
- 2) If we endure, we will also reign with Him.
- 3) If we deny Him, He will also deny us.
- 4) If we are faithless, He remains faithful for He cannot deny Himself.



Galatians 2:20

²⁰ 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.

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