



**Who Are You?**

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**Life Change: Put on the New Self**

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A group of people at a church service. In the foreground, a man in a dark t-shirt with "Mad's Mart" on it has his arms raised in praise. Behind him, a woman in a light purple shirt is singing into a microphone with her hand raised. To the left, a man in a light-colored shirt is playing a guitar. Other people are visible in the background, some looking towards the front. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an indoor setting like a church sanctuary.

**Therefore...**

**Ephesians 4:12-16**



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**Equipping of the saints for the work of ministry...**

**Building up the body of Christ...**

**Growing into maturity... in every way into him who is the head—Christ.**

**From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.**

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**Futility of thought...Darkened understanding...Exclusion from the life of God.**

*Because of...*

**Ignorance...Hardness of heart...**

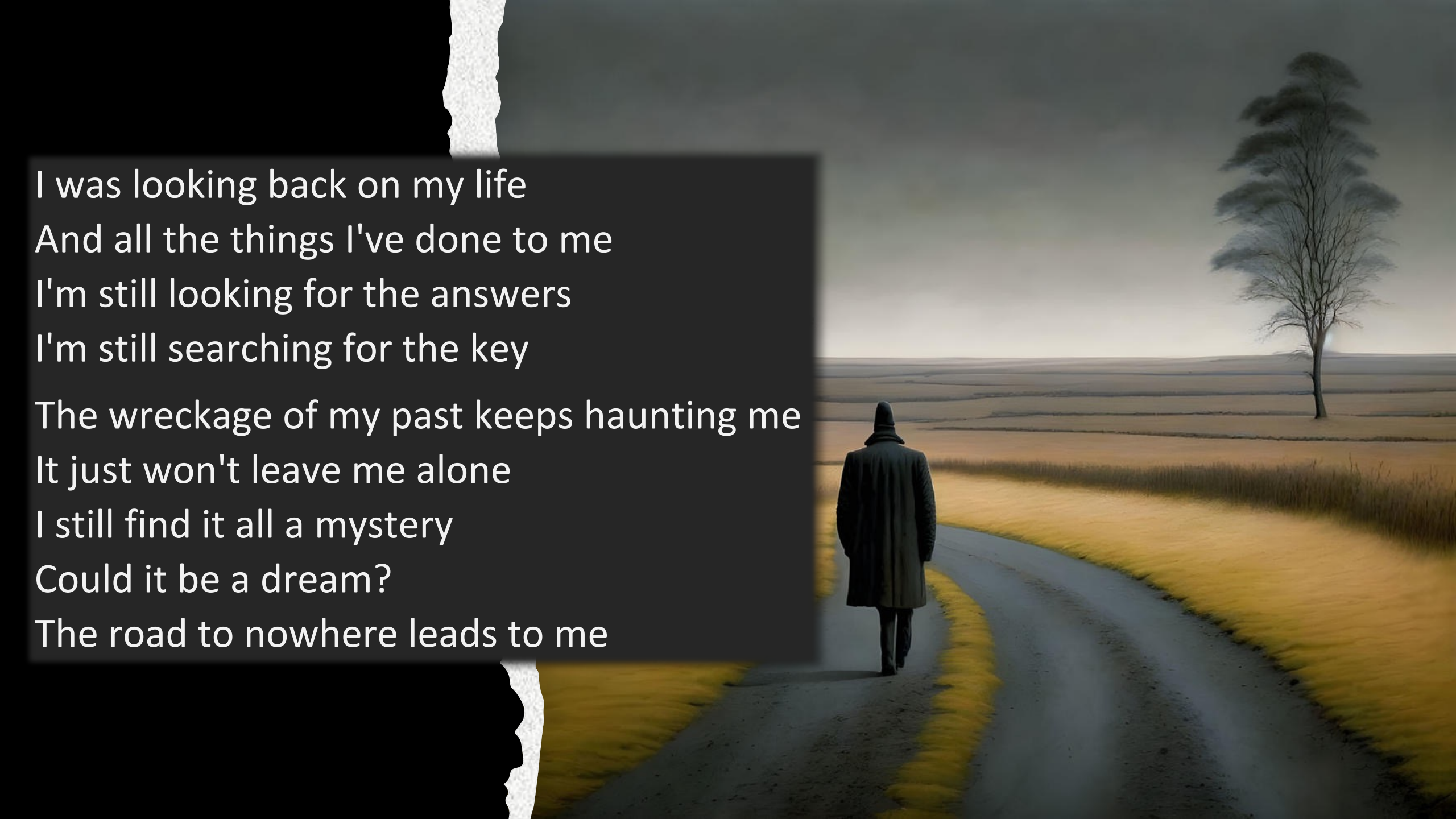
*Leads to...*

**Callousness...Promiscuity...**

**and every kind of impurity and a desire for more and more...**

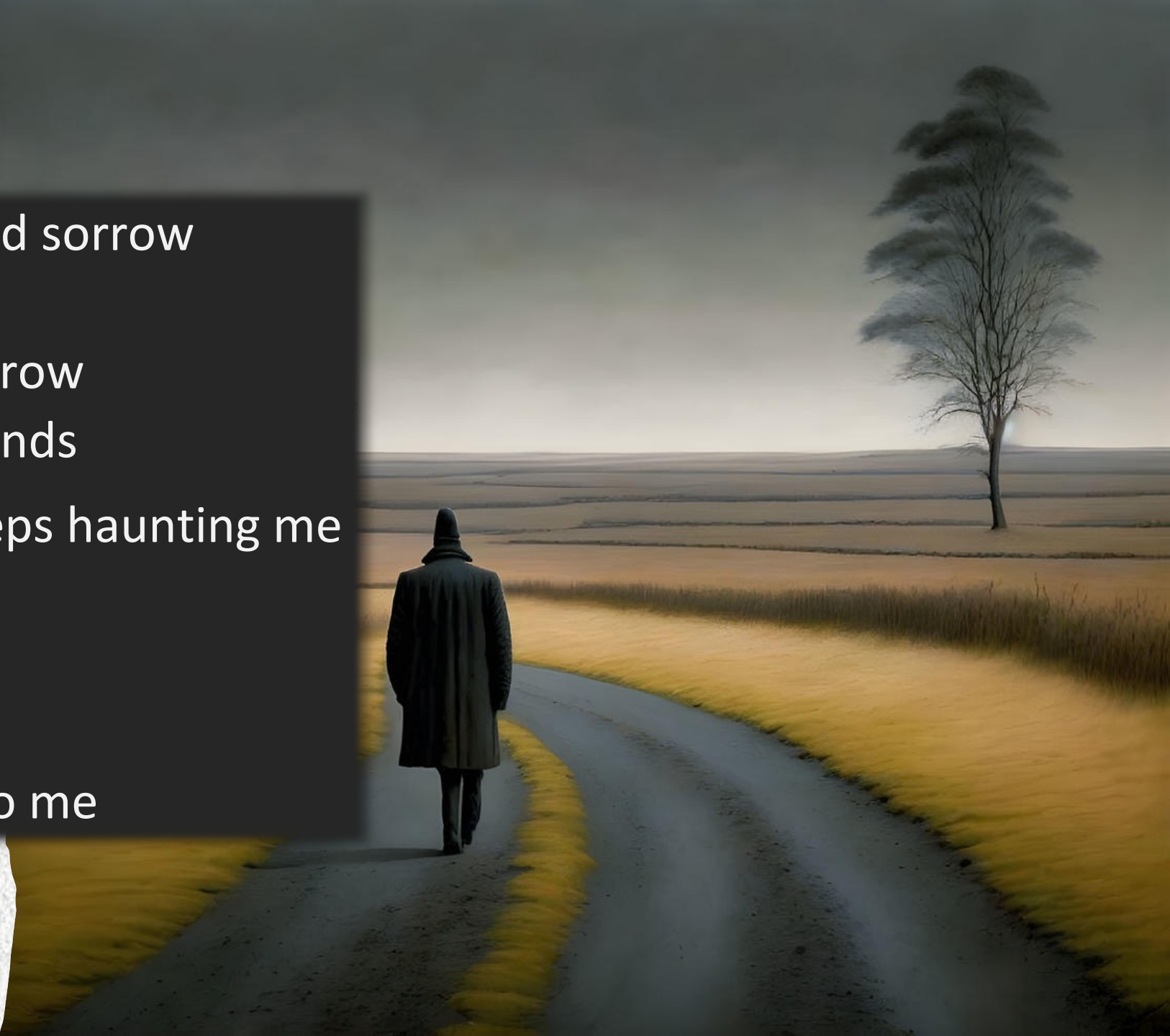
# The Road to Nowhere





I was looking back on my life  
And all the things I've done to me  
I'm still looking for the answers  
I'm still searching for the key  
The wreckage of my past keeps haunting me  
It just won't leave me alone  
I still find it all a mystery  
Could it be a dream?  
The road to nowhere leads to me

Through all the happiness and sorrow  
I guess I'd do it all again  
Live for today and not tomorrow  
It's still the road that never ends  
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“Who is more foolish?  
The fool, or the fool  
who follows him?”

*-Obi Wan Kenobi*



## **Romans 12:2**

**Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.**

## **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

**But if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we are not proclaiming ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus's sake. For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.**

A group of people is gathered outdoors, possibly at a church event or festival. In the foreground, a man in a dark t-shirt with "Mad" written on it has his arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. To his left, a man in a striped shirt is looking down. In the background, other people are visible, including a woman in a black shirt and a child in a blue shirt. A large white circle is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text of John 5:24.

**John 5:24**

**Truly I tell you, anyone  
who hears my word and  
believes him who sent me  
has eternal life and will  
not come under judgment  
but has passed from death  
to life.**

**“It is unfortunate that so many people are serving Christ in an attempt to validate their salvation...[they] have been led to believe that if they stumble along the way...either their salvation will be revoked or they were never truly saved in the first place...**

**Assurance of salvation does not come from anything you do or fail to do. It comes from looking to and trusting the Savior, who not only gave you eternal life but guarantees the life He gave you.”**

**Dr. Tony Evans, *Totally Saved***



**Not I, but Christ. Not mine, but His-- It's in His strength alone that I truly live.  
I'm dead and gone, I'm crucified-- He's raised me up to His eternal Life.  
It's all about You. It's not about me It's living by faith in You, abundantly.  
All glory and honor, Praises and power to Christ, our King**

In him you also  
were **sealed** with the  
promised Holy Spirit  
when you heard the  
word of truth, the gospel  
of your salvation, and  
when you believed.

Ephesians 1:13









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# If we are to be effective

- Learning to see through schemes...
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**we need to make radical changes.**



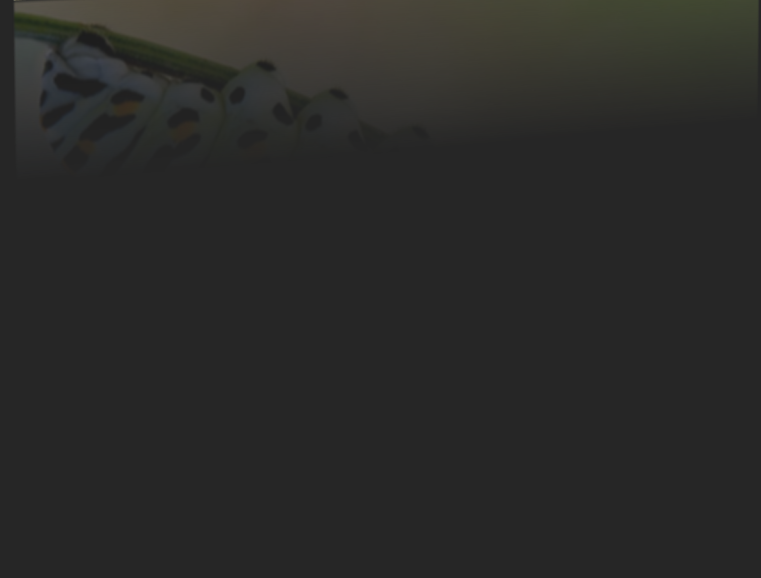












## **Galatians 3:1-3**

**You foolish Galatians! Who has cast a spell on you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? I only want to learn this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by the Spirit, are you now finishing by the flesh?**



## **Colossians 3:2-10**

**Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.**

**Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, God's wrath is coming upon the disobedient, and you once walked in these things when you were living in them.**

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**But now, put away all the following: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self. You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator.**

## **Galatians 5:16-18**

**I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**





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- idolatry
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- dissensions
- factions
- envy
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- carousing
- anything similar

Galatians 5:19-21



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- peace
- patience
- kindness
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- faithfulness
- gentleness
- self-control

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**"Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."**  
-WILLIAM CAREY (1761-1834)

**“If one should think it worth his while to write my life, I will give you a criterion by which you may judge of its correctness. If he gives me credit for being a plodder, he will describe me justly. Anything beyond this will be too much. *I can plod. I can persevere in any definite pursuit.* To this I owe everything.”**

**— *William Carey***



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**“Please, call me Winter.”**





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