

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 9, 2023

Jesus' resurrection justifies all who trust Him

Rom. 4:25

- Worship in Fellowship
- Worship in Music
- Worship in Congregational Reading
- Worship in Message
- Worship in Giving

Darren Schager
Wayne Braudrick

Love Lives

Selected Scriptures

Love Is Series

Life Change: We live victoriously in Jesus.

“How can we stay sad when Jesus is alive?”

When Jesus died, He died as my representative, and I died in Him; when He arose, He rose up as my representative, and I arose in Him; when He ascended on high and took His place at the right hand of the Father in the glory, He ascended as my representative and I ascended in Him, and today I am seated in Christ with God in the heavenlies. I look at the cross of Christ, and I know that atonement has been made for my sins; I look at the open sepulcher and the risen and ascended Lord, and I know the atonement has been accepted. There no longer remains a single sin on me, no matter how many or how great my sins have been. – R.A. Torrey, *The Bible and Its Christ*

Jesus' resurrection proves the Father is trustworthy

Luke 24

Jesus' resurrection promises ultimate victory

Is. 25:7-8

Jesus' resurrection proves the Son is God

Rom. 1:4

God		the greatest Lover
so loved		the greatest degree
the world		the greatest need
that he gave		the greatest act
his only begotten Son,		the greatest gift
that whoever		the greatest opportunity
believes		the greatest simplicity
in him		the greatest attraction
should not perish,		the greatest promise
but		the greatest difference
have		the greatest certainty
everlasting life.		the greatest victory

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OUT

STANDING

A STUDY OF THESSALONIANS



St. Paul writing
Valentine de Boulogne
1618-1620



courtesy Random; Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

She's my
pride & joy!



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⁵ But the Jews became jealous, and they brought together some wicked men from the marketplace, formed a mob, and started a riot in the city [of Thessalonica]. Attacking Jason's house, they searched for them [Paul & Silas] to bring them out to the public assembly.



**Remains of the marketplace
(agora or forum)**



**33 “I have told you
these things so that in
me you may have peace.
You will have suffering in
this world. Be courageous!
I have conquered the
world.”**

John 16 CSB



¹ Therefore, when we could no longer stand it, we thought it was better to be left alone in Athens. ² And we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you concerning your faith, ³ so that no one will be shaken by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are appointed to this. ⁴ In fact, when we were with you, we told you in advance that we were going to experience affliction, and as you know, it happened.

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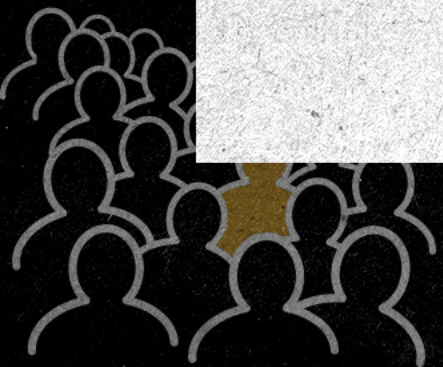
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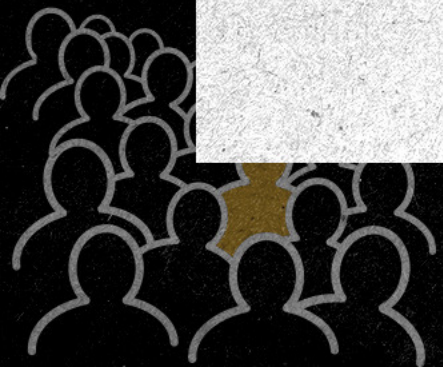
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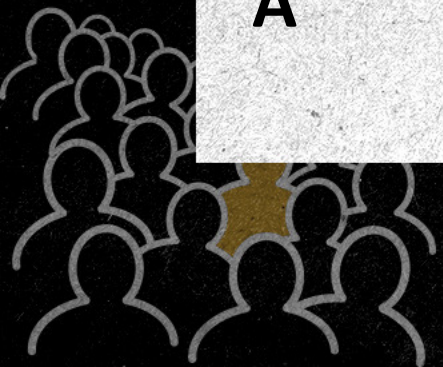


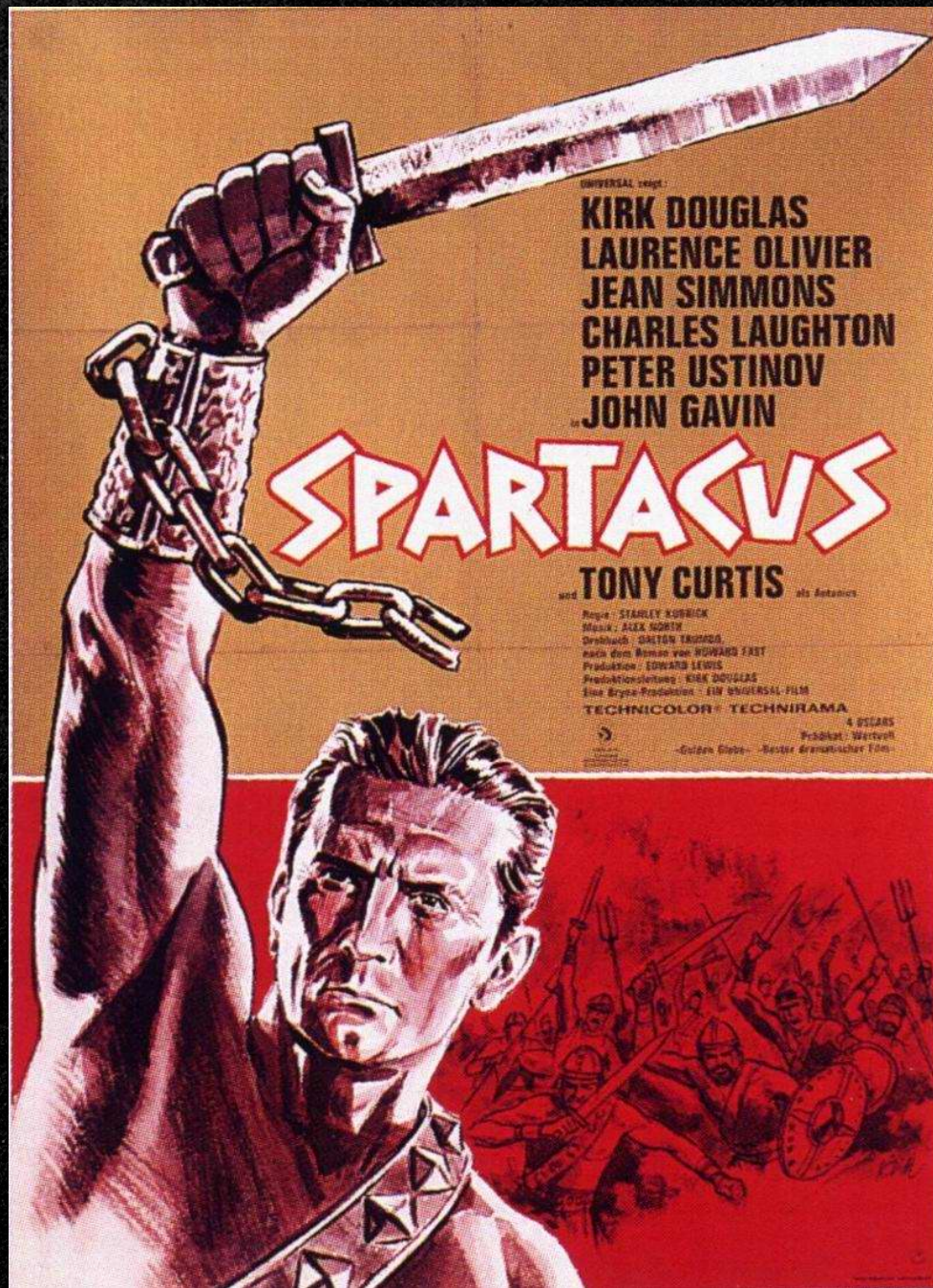
⁷ Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and affliction, we were encouraged about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you stand firm in the Lord. ⁹ How can we thank God for you in return for all the joy we experience before our God because of you, ¹⁰ as we pray very earnestly night and day to see you face to face and to complete what is lacking in your faith?

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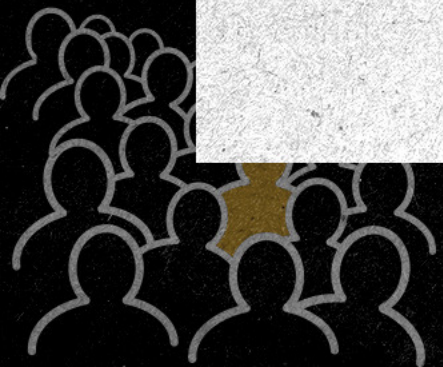
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You've got a friend in me
You've got a friend in me
You've got troubles, well I've got 'em too
There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you
We stick together and we see it through
You've got a friend in me



**You've got a friend in me
You've got a friend in me
When the road looks rough ahead
And you're miles and miles
From your nice warm bed
Just remember what your old pal said
Boy, you've got a friend in me**

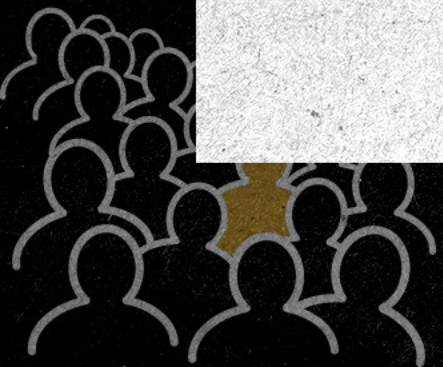


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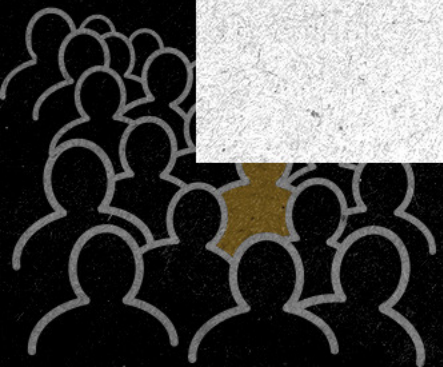




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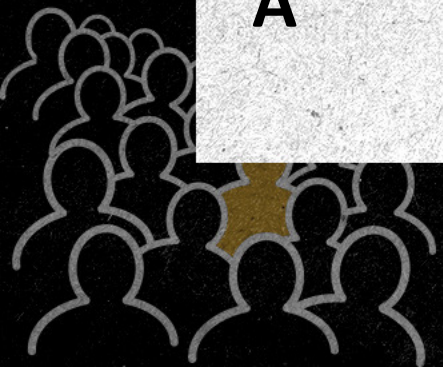
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Chad Bailey: Oh man, biblical community can be hard sometimes, but in the Spirit's strength, we can see miracles happen in our hearts and in our relationships!



(Chad Bailey) So, Christian, when was the last time you...

- **humbly spoke a hard truth to someone you love?**
- **graciously received a hard truth from someone who loves you?**
- **showed love to a Christian you do not like all that much?**
- **appreciated the diversity of thought and personality of someone with whom you disagree on important, but not Gospel, issues?**
- **learned something from someone younger/less experienced than you?**
- **celebrated someone's victory or provision in an area of life where you are still waiting on your own?**



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*Paul before the
Areopagus*

Jan van 't Hoff

2005

courtesy Gospel Images





courtesy Random



³⁰ ...the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4 ESV

⁶ I am confident of this very thing, that He [God] who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1 NASB



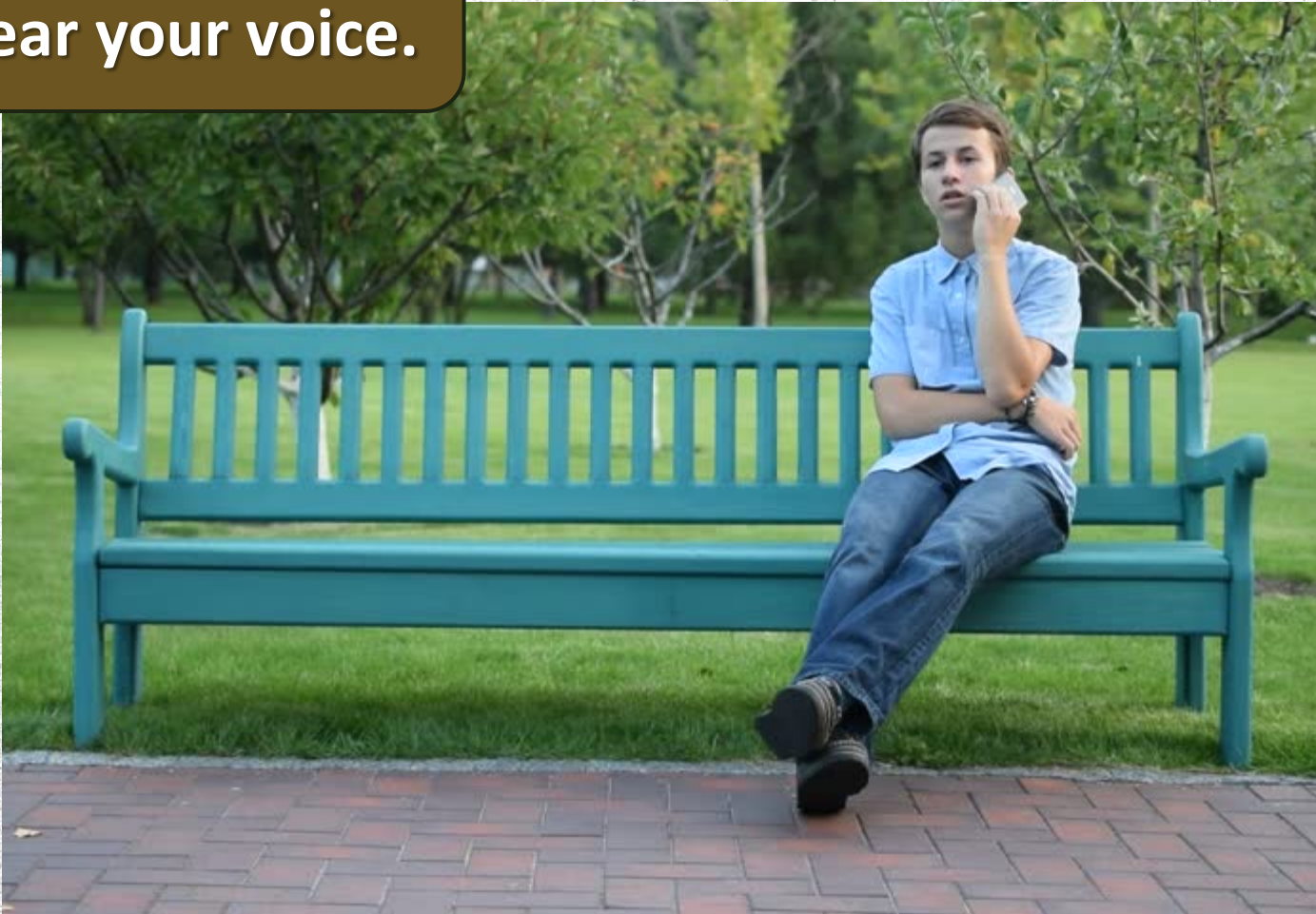
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**Having a child is like having
your heart walk around
outside your body for the
rest of your life.**



I just wanted to hear your voice.



I am fine, Mom. No, I didn't call because no one uses a smart phone to actually call...it's creepy, archaic, and embarrassing...use finder the app like Dad does and you'll know where I am...

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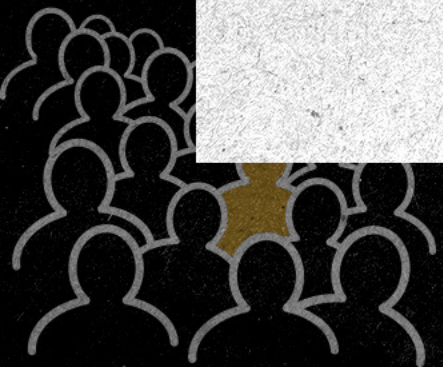
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(Jodie Berndt) According to [a new study] prayer makes a difference – even when one or both partners are being unkind. It reads: “When people pray for the well-being of their spouse when they feel a negative emotion in the marriage, both partners – the one doing the praying and the one being prayed for – report greater relationship satisfaction.”



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“Greater relationship satisfaction.” That sounds very important and official. But let’s put it plainly, shall we? If you’re annoyed with your spouse – they left the toilet seat up, they were late again, they did whatever – don’t get mad. Try praying for them instead. It will make you both happier. – Jodie Berndt, “The Secret to a Happy Marriage”



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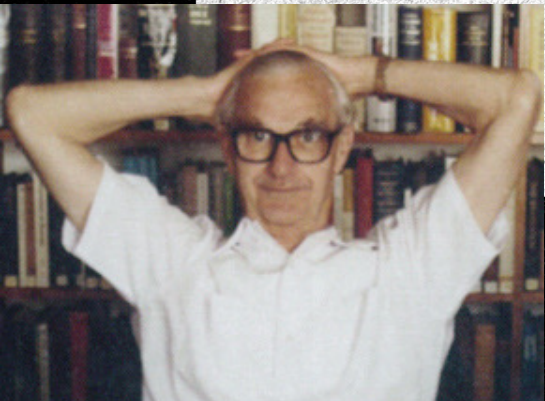


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Greek: ἀγάπη *agape* = deepest of the four Greek words for love; other-centered, self-sacrificial, covenant love

The specifically Christian quality denoted by *agape* is never natural to man; it only comes to those who have been transformed by the power of God. Whether it is exercised towards believers or non-believers, *agape* is the gift of God. – Leon Morris



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Greek: ἀδελφός adelphos = from the womb; idea of being outside the womb but still connected by their parentage bond; a term Paul uses only of people who believe in Jesus



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⁸ For now we live, if you stand firm in the Lord.

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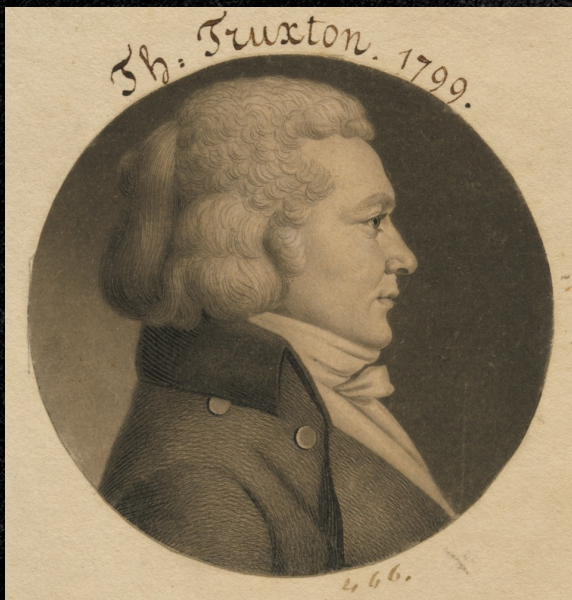


Constellation
372 gun power



Vengeance
559 gun power





Thomas Truxton
Captain



USS
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courtesy US Naval Academy





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USS Constellation v. La Vengeance

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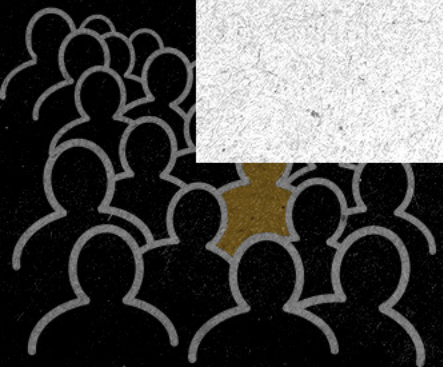
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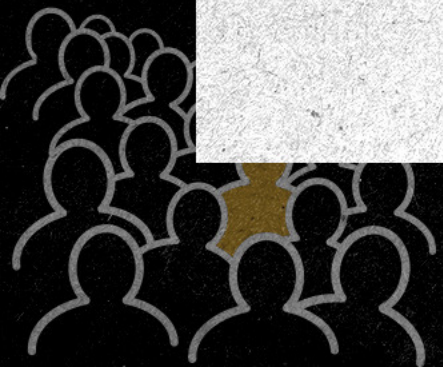




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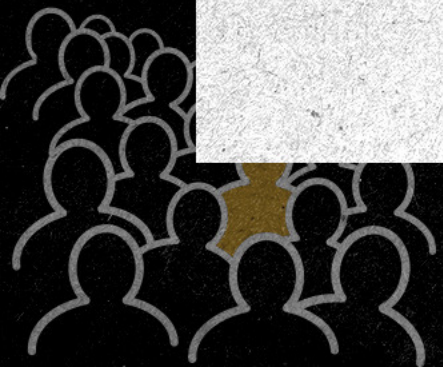


Wayne, I have spent some time meditating on your note and found it helpful. I am struggling with my attitude and behavior toward a few brothers and sisters in Christ. This text reminds me: that I must pray for them and myself; that I must remember how Jesus loved me and continues to love me even when I offend Him more than I am offended; and that one day I will stand before Him and give an account for how I loved them.



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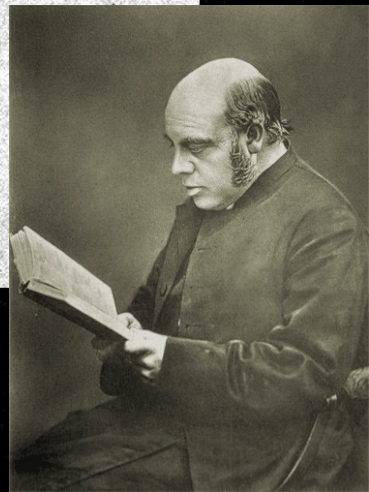
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[It's] an outburst of the earnest conviction which was uppermost in the Apostle's mind of the utter worthlessness of all human efforts without the divine aid. – J.B. Lightfoot, *Notes on the Epistles of St. Paul.*





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