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EXPLORING THE
HEART OF CHRIST

WEEK FIVE

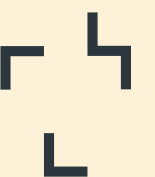
HE LOVED US THEN;
HE'LL LOVE US NOW

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Romans 5:6-11

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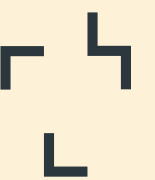


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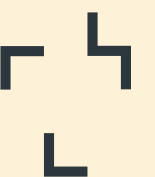


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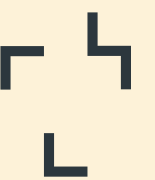
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¹⁸ For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is the power of God to us who are being saved.

1 Corinthians 1:18

¹⁵ For to God we are the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 2:15



We never get past the gospel ... There is only one salvation and one way of salvation. What occurred in our past, works itself out in the present, and comes to consummation in the future is all of a piece. Justification now leads to glorification then ... Initially, at the point of regeneration, our sins are forgiven—entirely and completely. We have been delivered from sin's penalty ... Then, there is sanctification—a process whereby we are being delivered from sin's power. Ultimately, in heaven, we will be delivered from sin's presence ... At every stage—justification, sanctification, glorification—we come with empty hands, seeking mercy from our heavenly Father ... The moment we drift away from the gospel, we perish.

DEREK THOMAS

“Conversion isn’t a fresh start. Conversion, authentic regeneration, is the invincibilizing of our future ... Christ died to confound our intuitive assumptions that divine love has an expiration date. He died to prove that God’s love is, as Jonathan Edwards put it, “an ocean without shores or bottom”

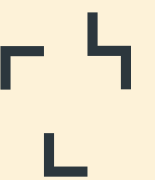
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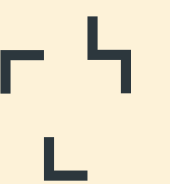


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⁹ But [Christ] said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness.” Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may reside in me. ¹⁰ So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10



God has already executed everything needed to secure your eternal happiness, and he did that while you were an orphan. Nothing can now un-child you. Not even you. Those in Christ are eternally imprisoned within the tender heart of God ... We will be less sinful in the next life than we are now, but we will not be any more secure in the next life than we are now. If you are united to Christ, you are as good as in heaven already.

DANE ORTLUND