

TIME OF REFLECTION

“Sin is a deep interior dislocation of the soul.”

~Dorothy L. Sayers (1893-1957), English writer and poet

Gospel “...repentance...is a gracious principle and habit implanted in the soul by the Spirit of Christ, in the exercise of which a regenerate and believing sinner, deeply sensible of the exceeding sinfulness and just demerit of his innumerable sins is truly humbled and grieved before the Lord. ... This godly sorrow for sin and this holy abhorrence of it arise from a spiritual discovery of pardoning mercy with God in Christ, and from the exercise of trusting in His mercy.”

~John Colquhoun (1748-1827), Scottish pastor

“Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church. We are fighting today for costly grace.... Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner.... [Costly grace] is costly because it cost God the life of his Son.”

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) in *The Cost of Discipleship*

“The only sin that you can have any victory over is a forgiven sin.”

~John Piper, theologian and author

<sup>24</sup> There is one who scatters, and *yet* increases all the more,  
And there is one who withholds what is justly due, *and yet it results* only in want.

<sup>25</sup> The generous man will be prosperous,  
And he who waters will himself be watered.

<sup>26</sup> He who withholds grain, the people will curse him,  
But blessing will be on the head of him who sells *it*.

<sup>27</sup> He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,  
But he who seeks evil, evil will come to him.

<sup>28</sup> He who trusts in his riches will fall,  
But the righteous will flourish like the *green* leaf.

~Proverbs 11 (NASB95)

“The most selfish thing you can do is to help other people.”

~Brian Mullaney, entrepreneur and philanthropist

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”

~Jim Elliot (1927-1956), missionary and martyr

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## *Worship through the Word*

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**SERMON** – “Living for the Glory of God – Part 3” – *Pastor Don Willeman*

**SERMON PASSAGE** – *selected passages*

*John 17 (ESV)*

<sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them.... <sup>26</sup>I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

*Ephesians 1 (ESV)*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

*2 Thessalonians 2 (ESV)*

<sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*2 Corinthians 9 (NASB95)*

<sup>6</sup>Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; <sup>9</sup>as it is written,

“He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor,  
His righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; <sup>11</sup>you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.