

**2 Corinthians 12:1-10****Is God's grace \_\_\_\_\_ for you?****2 Cor 12:1-4**

- Vision = \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation = \_\_\_\_\_
- Third Heaven = Vision carried him beyond human dwelling
  - "caught up" - evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit

**2 Cor 11:5-7**

- Paul's suffering mirrors that of Christ
  - Jesus tempted by Satan (Matt 4)
    - Paul tormented by demonic forces (The \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Jesus wore the crown of thorns for salvation
    - Paul was given a thorn to produce \_\_\_\_\_
- The thorns intentions may have been for \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
  - But God was using it for Paul's \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Cor 12:8-9**

- Paul's pleas echo that of Christ's in the Garden (Mark 14:32-42)
  - Christ pleaded three times to remove the cup of wrath
  - Paul pleaded three times for the thorn to be removed.
- God said to Paul "My \_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient for you, my power is made perfect in your weakness" (JSV-Joe Shepherd Version)
  - Grace = χάρις (charis) = \_\_\_\_\_ in suffering and experiencing \_\_\_\_\_
  - In Christ's suffering God's power and sovereignty was on full display - and so it will be with Paul
    - That is why Paul boasts in his weakness - (v10 - When I am \_\_\_\_\_ then I am \_\_\_\_\_)

**Suffering for those saved by the gospel, it is a \_\_\_\_\_**

- Spiritual and Physical \_\_\_\_\_-
  - Spiritual = eternal salvation in heaven after death
  - Physical = presence of God while on earth
    - Peace in suffering
    - storing up treasures in heaven
    - God is real and is with us.
      - spiritually united with our soul and physically as the God of all comfort.
    - Advancement of the gospel, souls won

**We must go on boasting in our \_\_\_\_\_ when we are weak  
then we are strong**