#### The Tsunami Blessing, Inside and Out, Part 66

When someone gives more than one gift to the same person, the most significant gift is often the last one giver desires to be opened. However, that is not God's style. He gave you His best gift Jesus Christ first and foremost. This ensures you that God gave His best for you as well as to you; for that one reason, He certainly will never withhold anything else from you.

To confirm your preferred position, God also gave Holy Spirit as the divine deposit for the rest of your eternal inheritance. You are not just an heir of God's promises. You forever hold an integral part of the family God always desired. You have been named a co-heir with Jesus Christ. Eternal life was given to you through God's only begotten Son.

As a new creation, the residence shifted from the world to the kingdom of God. Now you are repositioned to receive the rest of your God-given undecaying, unsoiled, perpetual, guarded against loss or injury inheritance.

#### The Gifts of God

Romans 8:32 The Passion Translation (TPT)

<sup>32</sup>For God has proved his love by giving us his greatest treasure, the gift of his Son. And since God freely offered him up as the sacrifice for us all, <sup>[a]</sup> he certainly won't withhold from us anything else he has to give.

#### Footnotes:

a. Romans 8:32 This is an intentional echo of Gen. 22:16. Although God spared Abraham's son, Isaac, he would not spare his own Son, Jesus Christ.

James 1:17 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Romans 6:22-23 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>22</sup>But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Luke 11:1-13 1599 Geneva Bible (GNV)

- 1 He teacheth his Apostles to pray. 14 The dumb devil driven out. 27 A woman of the company lifted up her voice. 29 The Jews require signs. 37 He being feasted of the Pharisee, reproveth the outward show of holiness.
- <sup>1</sup>And so it was, that as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.
- <sup>2</sup>And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, ©Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come: Let thy will be done, even in earth, as *it is* in heaven:
- <sup>3</sup>Our daily bread give us 11 for the day:
- <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins: for even we forgive every man that is indebted to us: And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

#### Footnotes:

- a. Luke 11:2 A form of true prayer.
- b. <u>Luke 11:3</u> That is, as much as is needful for us this day, whereby we are not debarred to have an honest care for the maintenance of our lives; but that carping care, which killeth a number of men, is cut off and restrained.
- <sup>5</sup>¶ <sup>a</sup>Moreover he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves?
- For a friend of mine is come out of the way to me, and I have nothing to set before him:
- <sup>7</sup>And he within should answer, and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed: I cannot rise and give them to thee.

\*I say unto you, Though he would not arise and give him, because he is his friend, yet doubtless because of his importunity, he would rise and give him as many as he needed.

<sup>9</sup>And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

<sup>10</sup> For everyone that asketh, receiveth: and he that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

"If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

<sup>12</sup>Or if he ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion?

<sup>13</sup> If ye then which are evil, can give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Ghost to them that desire him?

#### Footnotes:

- a. <u>Luke 11:5</u> We must pray with faith.
- b. <u>Luke 11:8</u> Word for word, impudency: but that impudency which is spoken of here, is not to be found fault with all, but is very commendable before God, for he liketh well of such importunity.

# Ephesians 1:3 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings [supernatural disposition] in heavenly places in Christ:

## Ephesians 1:3 The Voice (VOICE)

This letter begins with praise and thanksgiving to

- God the Father, who blesses us
  - b. Jesus, who redeems us
  - c. the Holy Spirit, who seals us.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus the Anointed One, who grants us every spiritual blessing in these heavenly realms where we live in the

Anointed—not because of anything we have done, but because of what He has done for us.

Ephesians 1:3 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Our Sonship and the Father's Plan

<sup>3</sup>Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because he sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate him<sup>[a]</sup> with all our hearts!

Ephesians 1:3-6 J.B. Phillips New Testament (PHILLIPS)

Praise God for what he has done for us Christians!

<sup>3-6</sup> Praise be to God for giving us through Christ every possible spiritual benefit as citizens of Heaven! For consider what he has done—before the foundation of the world he chose us to become, in Christ, his holy and blameless children living within his constant care. He planned, in his purpose of love, that we should be adopted as his own children through Jesus Christ—that we might learn to praise that glorious generosity of his which has made us welcome in the everlasting love he bears towards the Son.

Ephesians 1:3-6 The Message (MSG)

The God of Glory

<sup>36</sup> How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

Ephesians 3:16-21 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

- <sup>16</sup>May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened *and* reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].
- "May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love *and* founded securely on love,
- <sup>18</sup>That you may have the power *and* be strong to apprehend *and* grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];
- <sup>19</sup>[That you may really come] to know [practically, <sup>10</sup>through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses <sup>10</sup>mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] <sup>10</sup>unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and <sup>10</sup>become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!
- <sup>20</sup>Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over *and* above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—
- <sup>21</sup>To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it).

#### The Rest of Your Inheritance

Psalm 47:4 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

<sup>4</sup>He chose our inheritance for us, the glory *and* pride of Jacob, whom He loves. *Selah* [pause, and calmly think of that]!

Ephesians 1:11-14 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>11</sup>In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

<sup>12</sup>That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

<sup>13</sup>In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

<sup>14</sup>Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

## Romans 8:16-17 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>16</sup>The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

<sup>17</sup>And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

# Psalm 37:34 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>34</sup> Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

## Colossians 3:23-24 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>23</sup> And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

<sup>24</sup>Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

# Acts 20:32 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>32</sup>And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

# 1 Peter 2:2-3 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn babies you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured *and*grow unto [completed] salvation,

<sup>3</sup>Since you have [already] tasted the goodness and kindness of the Lord.

## Acts 26:18 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>18</sup>To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

## 1 Peter 1:3-5 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

<sup>4</sup>To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

<sup>5</sup>Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

## Matthew 6:19-21 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>19</sup>Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

<sup>20</sup> But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

## 2 Peter 1:1-4 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>1</sup>Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

<sup>3</sup>According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

<sup>4</sup>Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Psalm 106:3-5 King James Version (KJV)

- <sup>3</sup>Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.
- \*Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;
- <sup>5</sup>That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

Proverbs 17:8 The Passion Translation (TPT)

8 Wise instruction is like a costly gem.

It turns the impossible into success. 

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#### Footnotes:

a. Proverbs 17:8 "Instruction" is taken from the Aramaic and the Septuagint. The Hebrew reads "bribe."

Proverbs 17:8 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>8</sup>A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

## **Lusting after Power of God**

Acts 8:1-25 King James Version (KJV)

- 'And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.
- <sup>2</sup>And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

- <sup>3</sup> As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.
- <sup>4</sup>Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.
- <sup>5</sup>Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
- <sup>6</sup>And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
- <sup>7</sup>For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.
- \*And there was great joy in that city.
- But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:
- <sup>10</sup>To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.
- <sup>11</sup>And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.
- <sup>12</sup>But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
- <sup>13</sup>Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
- <sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
- <sup>15</sup>Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

- <sup>16</sup> (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
- <sup>17</sup>Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
- <sup>18</sup> And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
- <sup>19</sup> Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.
- <sup>20</sup> But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.
- <sup>21</sup>Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.
- <sup>22</sup>Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.
- <sup>23</sup> For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.
- <sup>24</sup>Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the LORD for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.
- <sup>25</sup> And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

# Thirsting for the Truth of God

John 4 King James Version (KJV)

- <sup>1</sup> When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,
- <sup>2</sup>(Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)
- <sup>3</sup>He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.
- <sup>4</sup>And he must needs go through Samaria.
- <sup>5</sup>Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

- <sup>6</sup>Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.
- <sup>7</sup>There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
- \*(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)
- Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
- <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.
- "The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?
- <sup>12</sup>Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?
- <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
- <sup>14</sup>But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
- <sup>15</sup>The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.
- <sup>16</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.
- <sup>17</sup>The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:
- <sup>18</sup> For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.
- <sup>19</sup>The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.
- <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

- <sup>21</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.
- <sup>22</sup>Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.
- <sup>23</sup>But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
- <sup>24</sup>God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- <sup>25</sup>The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.
- <sup>26</sup> Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.
- <sup>27</sup>And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?
- <sup>28</sup>The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,
- <sup>29</sup>Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?
- <sup>30</sup> Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.
- <sup>31</sup>In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.
- <sup>32</sup>But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.
- <sup>33</sup>Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?
- <sup>34</sup> Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
- <sup>35</sup> Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.
- <sup>36</sup> And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

- <sup>37</sup> And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.
- <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.
- <sup>39</sup> And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.
- <sup>⁴⁰</sup>So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.
- <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his own word;
- <sup>42</sup> And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.
- <sup>43</sup> Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.
- <sup>⁴</sup>For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.
- <sup>45</sup>Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.
- <sup>46</sup>So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.
- <sup>47</sup>When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.
- \*Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.
- <sup>49</sup>The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.
- <sup>50</sup> Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.
- <sup>51</sup>And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

- <sup>52</sup>Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.
- <sup>53</sup>So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.
- <sup>54</sup>This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

## Ephesians 5:25-33 King James Version (KJV)

- <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- <sup>26</sup>That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- <sup>27</sup>That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
- <sup>28</sup>So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
- <sup>29</sup> For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:
- <sup>30</sup> For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
- <sup>31</sup> For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
- <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
- <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

## Psalm 84:5-7 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

- <sup>5</sup>Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- <sup>6</sup>Passing through the Valley of Weeping (Baca), they make it a place of springs; the early rain also fills [the pools] with blessings.

<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength [increasing in victorious power]; each of them appears before God in Zion.

## **Carriers of the Anointing**

2 Corinthians 4:1-8 The Passion Translation (TPT)

#### **New Covenant Ministry**

¹ Now, it's because of God's mercy¹ that we have been entrusted with the privilege of this *new covenant* ministry. And we will not quit or faint with weariness. ²We reject every shameful cover-up and refuse to resort to cunning trickery or distorting the Word of God.¹ Instead, we open up our souls to you¹ by presenting the truth to everyone's conscience in the sight and presence of God. ³Even if our gospel message is veiled, it is only veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴for their minds have been blinded by the god of this age,ຝ leaving them in unbelief. Their blindness keeps them from seeing the dayspring light¹ of the wonderful news of the glory of Jesus Christ, who is the *divine* image of God.

<sup>5</sup>We don't preach ourselves, but rather the lordship of Jesus Christ, for we are your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said,

"Let brilliant light shine out of darkness," is the one who has cascaded his light into us—the brilliant dawning light of the glorious knowledge of God as we gaze into the face of Jesus Christ.

## Treasure in Clay Jars

TWe are like common clay jars that carry this glorious treasure within, so that the extraordinary overflow of power will be seen as God's, not ours. Though we experience every kind of pressure, we're not crushed. At times we don't know what to do, but quitting is not an option.

#### Footnotes:

- a. 2 Corinthians 4:1 Or "God has mercied us." The Aramaic can be translated "God's mercy rests on us."
- b. 2 Corinthians 4:2 Or "handle the word of God dishonestly."
- c. 2 Corinthians 4:2 As translated from the Aramaic. The Greek is "we commend ourselves."
- d. <u>2 Corinthians 4:4</u> Satan is called the god of this age. He uses trickery, deceit, accusation, and slander to blind people's hearts. See <u>John 8:44</u>; <u>12:31</u>; <u>14:30</u>; <u>Eph. 2:2</u>.
- e. <u>2 Corinthians 4:4</u> The Aramaic can be translated "the flame of the good news."
- f. <u>2 Corinthians 4:6</u> Paul helps us to understand that "light" is both literal and a metaphor for spiritual revelation, and shows that the creation narrative provides us with an allegory pointing to the experience of new birth in Christ. See Gen. <u>1:3;</u> Isa. 9:2.

- g. 2 Corinthians 4:6 Or "in the face-to-face presence of Christ."
   h. 2 Corinthians 4:7 This verse begins a long and complicated Greek sentence that ends with v. 10. Paul uses figurative language to say that we are common clay jars (created from dust/clay) yet we possess the brilliant light of God's glory, Jesus Christ, and carry him as treasure in our being. The outward vessel is not as important as the glorious treasure within. The metaphors here may allude to Gideon's clay pots that had burning torches inside (Judg. 7:16).
- i. 2 Corinthians 4:8 Or "perplexed but not thoroughly perplexed." The Aramaic can be translated "We are corrected but not condemned."

## 2 Timothy 1:5-7 Living Bible (TLB)

<sup>5</sup>I know how much you trust the Lord, just as your mother Eunice and your grandmother Lois do; and I feel sure you are still trusting him as much as ever.

This being so, I want to remind you to stir into flame the strength and boldness that is in you, that entered into you when I laid my hands upon your head and blessed you. <sup>7</sup>For the Holy Spirit, God's gift, does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them.

#### Footnotes:

a. 2 Timothy 1:6 stir into flame the strength and boldness, implied; literally, "stir up the gift of God."

## Ephesians 5:17-21 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>17</sup>Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

<sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

<sup>19</sup> Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

<sup>20</sup> Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

<sup>21</sup> Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.