

Comprehensive Exegesis of II Corinthians 1:12-14 (Godly Eternal Focusing)

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Godly Eternal Focusing is the pronounce context of II Corinthians 1:12-14, which state, “For our glorying is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, we conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you; for no other things do we write to you, but what you either read or acknowledge, and I hope also unto the end you will acknowledge; according as also you acknowledged us in part, that your glory we are, even as also you {are} ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.” Numerous of God’s people view life chiefly in earthly focusing yet they construe that they are walking in the Spirit. Many resonate in an “Earthly Christianity” environ yet they are oblivious to their “Son positioning in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). Such prioritize the earthly sphere yet they are blind to the Heavenlies’ sphere. In this mindset, physicality resounds in preference to spirituality.

This trending inflicts striking insults on “spiritual affections” (Colossians 3:13). God must not be mingled in the landscapes of earthly involvements; because He excels beyond all mundane associations. The chief rebuke of these deceptions echoes in the unscriptural depictions of God’s blessings evolving in secularity/physicality trappings. God’s people’s lives aren’t permanently situated in the physical/earthly temporariness of time but in the spiritual/Heavenlies’ endless scenery of Eternality. Those that are unenlightened of this comprehension view their course in life as wanderers seeking settlement in endurance. The scripturally enlightened comprehend that God’s ultimate blessings aren’t evidenced in the physical sphere of time because we are (were) spiritually blessed in Christ, before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:3-4). This factual reality exhibit the diverseness of faltering in the detrimental variances of time and flourishing in the determinate victory of eternity.

This knowledge inspires the essence of confidence rather than incites the encounters of conflicts in the testimonies of God’s people. The prevailing teachings of orthodoxy are expressed in the assertion that “God wants to bless your life” (predominately physically). This translates to the recipient’s participation in some manner of in which such ones can persuade God to oblige them. The converse circumstance imbues the goal to dissuade “God from cursing your life,” and in this mindset, the trials of life are viewed as threats to ones “safekeeping.” Thus, these tribulations encountered in and of them are obscure in focusing on what their participants are experiencing or expected to produce rather than their testimony of God’s purpose for them. These perceptions or misperceptions in the absence of scriptural enlightenments are viewed in misrepresentations of their earthly

vantage point assaults rather than the Heavenlies' revelations assemblies, to the praise and glory of God's Grace!

Therefore, God's blessings are in fact complete (Colossians 2:10; 4:12), in that He has already wrapped up all that He decreed in Christ; to the extent that Christ is our life, and we are in Him, encompassing each and every realizable "spiritual" Eternal Benefit. Void of comprehending this vital truth in the Grace Covenant, God's people will most likely read many passages in the Bible and state, in one way or another that "God WANTS to bless you but how can anyone say that God does not want to bless our lives when all enduring blessings are spiritual and eternal? Accurate appropriations of the Scriptures convey the frailty of seeking residency in Christ on the mistaken basis that Christ came to service and populate lives with physical blessings. This synergistic notion incites that: "if we do and believe the right things, God will be so pleased; He will pour out physical blessings upon us." This is the simplistic way of stating it and many of God's people live exactly this way they prioritize God's blessings physically, in terms of THEIR life.

This type viewing is eradicated from enlighten vocabularies and thinking in the phrase, "it is not MY life." If I am IN Christ, The scriptural fact is that God's people's lives don't anymore belong to them. Thus, not only do we have HIS life, but more, Christ IS our life. The scriptural assessment of God's blessings are evidenced in comprehending where they really reside ... ONLY in Christ! II Corinthians 1:12 states, "for our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, and not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you." From this verse, it is evident that the object of any *καύχησις (kahf-khee-sees)* rendered "boasting," bragging or vaulting is authentically inspirational in *τὸ μαρτύριον τῆς συνειδήσεως ἡμῶν (to mahr-tee-ree-on tees seen-ee-thee-seh-os ee-mon)* rendered "the testimony of our (ones) conscience. The Greek word *συνειδήσεως (seen-ee-thee-seh-os)* is literally rendered "the sense together" or "uniting the mind" Such solely should be focused *ὅτι ἐν ἀπλότητι καὶ εἰλικρινείᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ (ot-ee ehn ahp-lot-ee-tee keh ee-leek-ree-nee-ah too Theh-oo)* rendered "that is singleness and sincerity of God." This is further certified in the respective succeeding phrases: *καὶ οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ σαρκικῇ (keh ook ehn soph-ee-ah sahr-kee-kee)* rendered "and not in fleshly wisdom" and *ἀλλ' ἐν χάριτι θεοῦ (ahll ehn kahr-ee-tee Theh-oo)* rendered "but in the grace of God."

The concluding phrase is *ἀνεστράφημεν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ (ahn-ehs-trahph-ee-mehn ehn to kos-mo)* rendered "we have conducted ourselves in the world," which confirms what should simultaneously constitute and repudiate informed views of what existential both is and is not. Hence, what is most reliable establishes what indeed imbues what is of greatest integrity, i.e., the wisdom of God, in stark contrast to the wisdom of the cosmos (I Corinthians 1:20; 3:19). The essence of life is codified in the Eternal Decree (Saying) of God rather than what is merely viewed in the diverse manifestations of such. Eternal comprehensions exude genuine realization that things aren't what they seem to be, as the conventions governing what avail "reality" are constantly bent and even altered at times. Humanly inspired ideas of reality exhibitions are as unstable as the concepts of

rubber bands purporting to sustain it. Such skewed cogitations owe their origination to flawed conceptual teachings that salvation is actualized through the inputs and efforts of human experiences. Of course this is the product of human attachments to the illusions of "free will," including the initiatives of humanly dimensioned "freedom." These are the imports espousing erroneous aphorisms, i.e., "I can only show you the door, you must walk through," and "when the time comes, it is entirely left up to you whether you will dodge the bullet." And then there are the conceptions of how "reality" is averred in daily jargons; that realism is "actually elastic" when in fact, such are downright illusory except from the insightful facts revealed in the Grace Scriptures!

This one Truth ought to clear up much of the confusion and answer many questions in the lives of God's people. Many cry, pray and beg God for blessings but the zenith of them is what He promised and already established in Christ. When things don't occur according to earthly expectations God's people wonder why. The answer is: ALL is according to God's Will in Eternity rather than what is envisioned in earthly agendas. Aligning or uniting the conscience or sense to belong in singleness of sincerity (devotion) to (of) God encompasses, NOT our lives separately but entirely IN CHRIST! This is genuinely is what "picking up ones Cross" articulates!

It is the mercy and long suffering of God that explains His unconditional commitment to His beloved regardless of their ignorance. The spiritual unawareness incurred in earthly focusing prompts uninformed meritorious antics of imploring God to bless and affirm based on humanly inept efforts and displays. God solely endorses perfection in eternal residency, which automatically eliminates each and every depraved act of humankind. Delusions of consentaneous involvements proffered in humanized conjectures redound in the Grace Scripture's censorious rebuke of all non-deified self-determination. What earth centered focusing amounts to, is blatant arrogance and rebellion, as to how, where, when and what abide. Godly Eternal Focusing projects beyond time and into the "before world" venue of each and every course of "spiritual blessing," which is in the Heavens, in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). Hence, the resounding deterrent to actualized comprehension is indeed spiritually blind unawareness.

Accordingly, there is no discernment between personal lives and eternal comprehension of Christ; that He IS in fact their life, i.e., actualized life is in Christ. This blindness is no minor point, in effect; earthly focusing imbues the deception of sightlessness that Christ in His beloved is OTHER THAN the essence of their existence. Physicality obscures the fact of its diversion from Christ to prioritizing humanness. Many of God's people today think only necessarily of Him in terms of an addition, i.e., an appendage to His blessings upon THEM. It is in this sense that earth focusing conveys that the present life is where God predominantly "wants to bless," as though it is what they will continue to possess. Regrettably, this inaccuracy is foisted throughout most orthodox Christendom teaching and terminology. Hence, countless of God's people speak of eternal life as a THING, or a classification that God gives them. Some aver that if and when they believe on Christ, God responds by injecting us with something called, "eternal life."

In this setting, the Holy Spirit's predominate role is to help THEM "live better for God in THIS life." For many, this goes as far as to advocate that Christ died to bring out the greatness or the best in THEM. Hence, the Spirit of God is given to help THEM achieve THEIR goals. Some make this more religious by saying that the Spirit of God is given to help THEM achieve God's goals FOR HIM. In addition, some misconstrue sanctification as the outcome of God acting UPON them and doing something to make them "holy." Lost in all of this is the fact that Christ IS life, which life itself. Eternal life isn't a THING God gives, Eternal life is the essence of "Christ in us." Sanctification is more than what God does. Sanctification, as well as righteousness, wisdom, and redemption, is Christ's "eternal choice" of having son-positioned His elect in HIM. (Ephesians 1:3; I Corinthians 1:30) In short, everything concerning God is IN CHRIST. Thus, the only discernment of these realities imbues transitioning from earth centering to ETERNAL FOCUSING.

This is scripturally stated by the apostle Paul in a number of places: "Blessed the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, having blessed us with each and every spiritual blessing in the Heavenlies, in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). These blessings are FINISHED ... God HAS blessed His beloved with not SOME but EACH AND EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING. Accordingly, why don't most of God's people resonate to these blessings in a physical sense? It is because the blessings' locale is SPIRITUAL rather than physical, in the last two words of the verse: IN CHRIST. All that God has given is IN CHRIST, i.e., concealed IN CHRIST. The Grace Covenant affirms that God has already blessed His beloved with these blessings because they are eternally in Christ. However, many failed to relate because of their proclivity to prioritize temporary earthly affairs over the eternal heavenly. The enduring blessings are in Christ and in Him alone, i.e., they were formed and in shaped in God's people!

!! Corinthians 1:13 states "... for no other (things) do we write to you, but what you either read or also acknowledge, and I hope also unto the end you shall acknowledge." The focus in this continuing contemplation of the antecedent verse (12) is: there is no other actualized venue of how things evolve and flow. Thus the Greek phrase *οὐ γὰρ ἄλλα γράφομεν ὑμῖν* (**oo gahr ahl-lah graph-o-meen**) is literally rendered "for no other we write to you," concluding "for no other CAN we write to you." The thought is that only what is intelligible in Eternal Focusing is reliably authentic in hope, hence, what also God's people shall acknowledge unto the end." This is certified by the indicative, present, active 2nd person connotation of the Greek verb *ἐπιγινώσκετε* (**ehp-eeey-eeen-os-keht-eh**) rendered "acknowledge," inferring: learn, perceive, recognize, understand or know well. Accordingly, eternity is the sole actualized focus of abiding reality, which engendered every requisite of enduring hope, exhibited in joy and peace that is unavailable elsewhere.

If all of the blessings of God are IN CHRIST, then Christ must be the essence of God's peoples' life if they are to dwell in His blessings. In testimony, the only manner Christ is indeed life, is through the relenting of all personal identities and agendas. Hence, God does God HAS blessed His beloved with ALL spiritual blessings. However, God's peoples are not able to internalize these blessings when they prioritize their life over CHRIST. Only as such ones comprehend that life is hid in Christ, will they inner

realize Him as their life and embrace all these blessings that are exclusively IN HIM. These are genuinely blessings because they are solely IN CHRIST, in whom authentic blessings reside. Enlightened ones acknowledge their completion in Christ (Colossians 2:10), as opposed to the unlearned that continually ask God to bless them primarily in physical/secular manners. Blessings of God in Christ ... in Him alone, are (were) formed in His elect, in eternity (Galatians 4:19). These blessings consist in the Heavens, thus eternally formed in together WITH Christ (Romans 8:17; 28-30).

Confirmations of God's blessings are construed by those focusing on the earthly part of them for heavenly evidence. The error in this continues through their belief that Christ's aim is to pacify fleshly natural man, i.e., the earthly image is accommodated in some transitional fashion to replicate Jesus. This egregiously erroneous concept: that Jesus died to improvise in the flesh, is in stark contrast to the scriptural revelation of the flesh having been crucified in Christ, thus setting free those so captivated therein from the curse of the flesh. Christ's death didn't make earthly man a replica of Jesus. Christ's death exchanged earthly man's nature in the flesh having been crucified in Him.

Eternal focusing exudes the extreme opposite of the former state (Ephesians 4:22) in that Christ was made manifest through crucified depraved humanity's nature. There isn't nor was evidence of God in earthly man. Genesis 1:26-27's statement regarding image is futuristic, "how that God was in Christ ... a world reconciling to Himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses; having put in us (His beloved) the word of the reconciliation" (II Corinthians 5:19). More than surmises of humankind, the witness of God is scripturally unchallengeable, which is what He testified of His Son. Those believing (cause to view) though eternal focusing; has the witness IN them: Those not believing, because of their earthly focusing; render God a liar. They don't (not having been caused to) believe God.

Godly Eternal Focusing exhibits the record that God has given eternal life and this life is in His Son (I John 5:9-11). Earthly focusing inspects natural man and strives to validate that Christ is in such ones through human behavior, i.e., emotions, temperaments and "souls trying to be Christians;" which is nothing more than disguised faith in humanisms. This skewed "substantiation" in them to confirm human acceptance with God doesn't account suitably in the face of humanly inherent depravity. Scripturally stated, Christ in His beloved exudes separation from their nature in the sense of their transformation to His nature. The heavenly is not in the earthly, which one can look to and rest in. Christ (in Him) alone is life, who IS to His beloved: wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption (I Corinthians 1:30). There isn't ANY confirmation in earthly focusing; it is only in the Heavens, in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).

The scripturally unenlightened frequently formulate their emotions, feelings, psychic and imagined virtues of natural man to replicate what they misconstrue Jesus as. When they can't achieve their goals under condemnation and fear, they are confused as to what has and does qualify acceptability "in Christ." The problem isn't that natural man WON'T behave but the false sense of expectations of what righteousness actually engenders, which allures them into putting faith in such nonsense. Natural man isn't IN Christ in any respect; but in scriptural retrospect, he is OUTSIDE of Christ; thus, Christ can never be

replicated in humankind. “In Christ” identification (faith) shifts away from focusing on the secularity/physicality of humans, as it solely necessitates spirituality in the Heavens. It is the enlightenment of Eternal Focusing that exhibits the single source of righteousness in authentication of God’s non-meritorious blessings; bestowed according to His Grace!

II Corinthians 1:14 states, “according as also you acknowledged us in part that your glory we are, even as also you (are) ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.” Here, *καθώς και* (***kahth-os keh***) rendered “according as also” conveys continuous flow of the context of the antecedent verses’ (12, 13) Eternal Focusing actualized in God’s purpose. Thus, the phrase *ἐπέγνωτε ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ μέρους* (***ehp-ehg-not-eh ee-mahs ahpo mehr-oos***) rendered “you acknowledged us in part” references testimony of things in strictly earthly focusing, as they relate that the challenging confrontations don’t accurately define purpose of God beyond confined perceptions in earthly setting. Eternal Comprehension imbues essence of everything having been completed IN CHRIST, which incites glorying in factuality for God’s people’s victorious status ... even now, as they are “in the day of the Lord Jesus.”

There is and have always been attempts to define things in viewing of earthly processes rather than God’s eternal purpose. Earthly philosophical notions interpret below eternal comprehension in affections of how things appear, rather than pre-assigned intensions. Scriptural awareness in the latter respect alleviates confusions through the knowledge infused from the Eternal Heavens vantage point of conceptions, which are pertinent for actualized interpretations of Truth. This is what exhibits convincingly that the skewed sophistications of the former are only thin veneers that trigger difficulty in the spiritually uninformed and influence them in the earthly perceptions rather than what is realized in **Godly Eternal Focusing.**