

*Paul's Letter to
the Disciple*



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INTRODUCTION:

1. Advent Devotional (Paul Tripp)
December 5th theme: "Brokenness"



“One of the primary purposes of the incarnation of Jesus is to humble each and every one of us. Let me say it this way: only when you accept the very, very bad news of Jesus’s birth will you then be excited about the very, very good news. Good news is only ever good news to people who know that they need good news. . . . Jesus’ birth is both the worst and the best news ever, and understanding both will change your life forever.”

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THE VERY, VERY GOOD NEWS

- This “good news” was announced by “an angel of the Lord” on that first Christmas many years ago.

But the angel said to them:

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news
of great joy that will be for all the people.
Today in the town of David a savior has
been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

This will be a sign to you:

You will find a baby wrapped in cloths
and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12



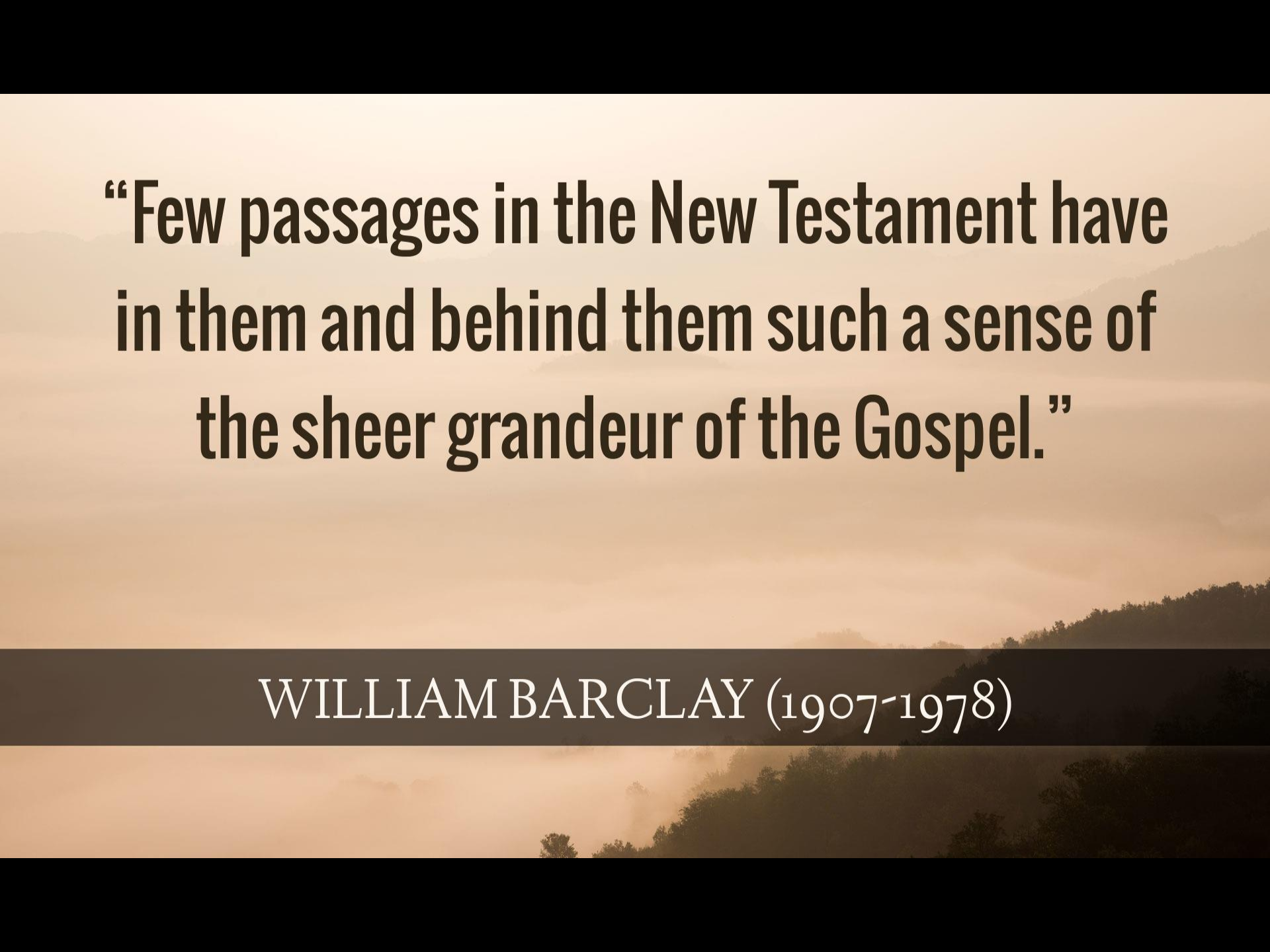
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THE VERY, VERY “GOOD” NEWS

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- Please open you Bibles with me to 2 Timothy 1. Our passage for last Sunday and today is verses 9, 10.



**“Few passages in the New Testament have
in them and behind them such a sense of
the sheer grandeur of the Gospel.”**

WILLIAM BARCLAY (1907-1978)

2 TIMOTHY 1:9-10

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"God . . . has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

THE CHARACTER OF SALVATION

1. God chose us and predestined us
"before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4-5)
2. We were saved (vs. 9):
from sin's guilt (we're forgiven) & penalty (damnation)
3. We are being saved (vs. 9):
God "called us to a holy life" (progressive sanctification)
4. We will be saved (vs. 10)
"Christ ... brought life and immortality to light" (glorification)



THE SOURCE OF SALVATION

1. Salvation does not come from us.
"not because of anything we have done"
2. Salvation comes from God.
"but because of his own purpose and grace"

THE GROUND OF SALVATION

This “salvation” *rests firmly upon* the historic work performed by Jesus Christ at his first appearing; namely, his death and resurrection.



1. Death is the “wage” sin pays (Rom. 6:23).
2. Jesus “destroyed” (or, “abolished”) death.
3. Christ decisively defeated death (cp. 1 Cor. 15:55).
4. **Physical death** is no longer the grim ogre it once was to us (i.e., Christian believers).
5. **Spiritual death** has, for Christian believers, given place to that eternal life which is communion with God begun on earth and perfected in heaven.

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“The reason the birth of Jesus is such gloriously wonderful news is that in his birth God offers you and me the only solution to the fundamental brokenness of sin that is the core tragedy of every one of our lives.”

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THE VERY, VERY “BAD” NEWS

Five words convey our condition as sinners:

1. Because of sin we exist in a from-birth state of separation.
2. Sin also renders us unable.
3. Because sin blinds, it also leaves us in a constant state of delusion.
4. On top of these, sin places us under God's judgment.
5. Finally, sin leaves us hopeless.



“You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father’s face and tell Him you have received His Christmas gift.”

JOHN R. RICE