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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 204

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His renewing love**. **2 Cor. 4:16-18**, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being <u>renewed</u> day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

The Greek word for renewed is anakainoutai which means to make brand new, completing a process or moving to a higher level. I am moved by this statement of Paul. He is again encouraging the church in the midst of great tribulation and hostility towards Christians. His words are full of hope as he reminds them that this world is not our home. Many people despise the church and the cause of Christ because they don't understand the eternal ramifications. They live for today and aren't thinking about tomorrow; and so they attack what they do not understand. But Paul goes on to say that God is renewing them day by day. Jesus told His disciples the same thing in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!"

Our eyes are fixed on what is unseen. Although we haven't seen Heaven yet, we know it is there. Someday we will see with eyes that can behold the glory of the Lord. What an amazing time that will be for all eternity. Let's remember the most important realization is knowing the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Father, thank You that You are renewing us day by day, allowing us to see things from Your perspective and enjoying Your presence. This world will pass, but You will never fade away. You are our eternal God. In Jesus Name, Amen