

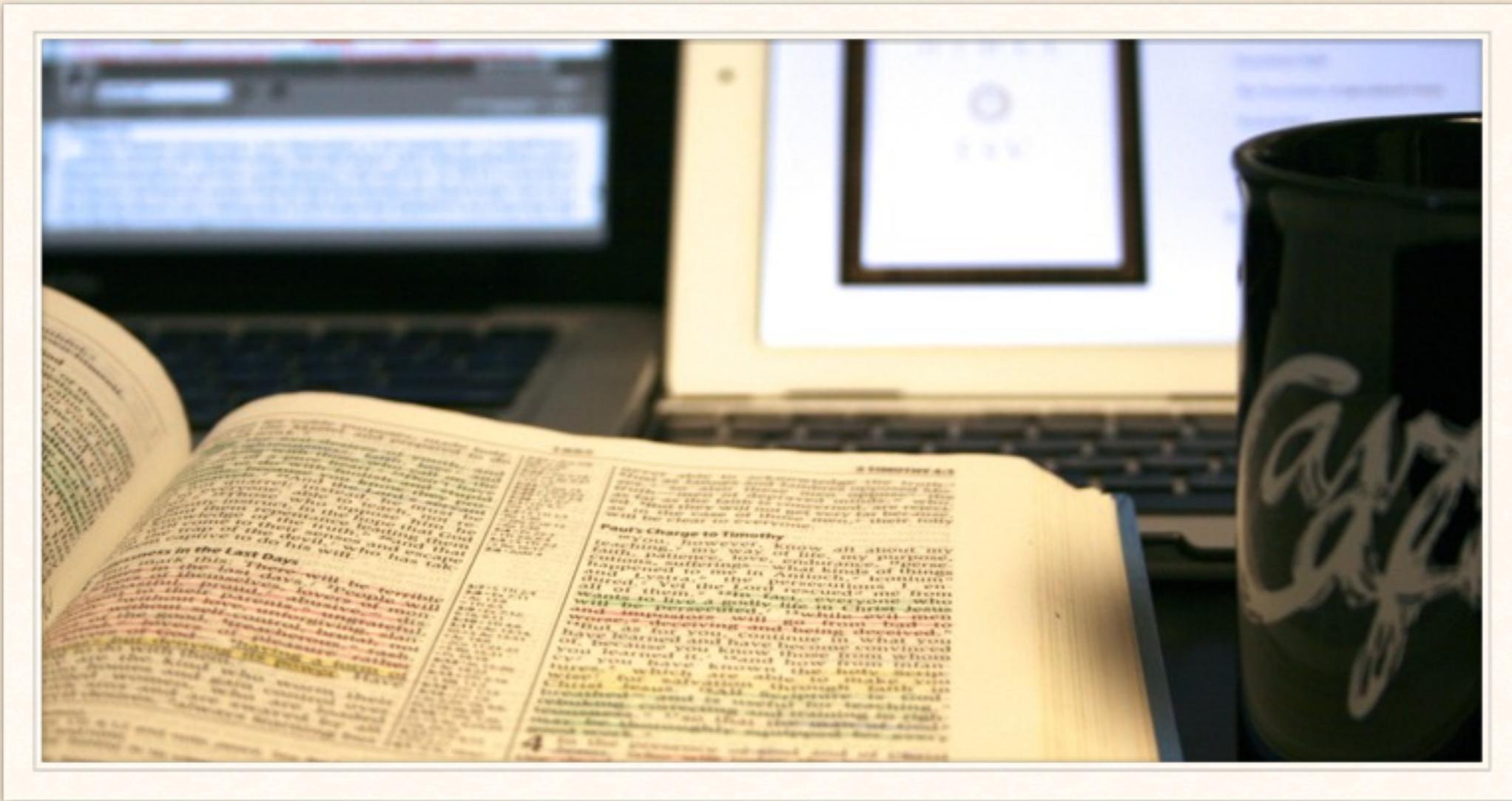
# NMCS CHAPEL

...came to him. \* Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: I  
and see the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
and see those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
and see the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
and see those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be  
and see the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
and see the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
and see the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
and see those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the  
heaven.  
I see you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil  
against you on my account. \* Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great  
in the same way that persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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# HOW TO READ YOUR BIBLE



HINT: IT'S NOT A NEWSPAPER.

# READING

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INFORMATIONAL

(NEWSPAPER, TEXTBOOK, INSTRUCTION MANUAL)

-VS-

MEDITATIVE

(POETRY, FAVORITE MOVIES, LOVE LETTERS)

# TRY TO FIND JESUS

- ❖ Ask the Lord to speak to you as you read.
- ❖ Read slowly.
- ❖ Try to apply what you just read to your life:
  - ❖ Is there something God is saying to you?
  - ❖ Is there something God wants you to do?

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. (John 5:39, 40)



hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

14 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and domin-

1:12 ver 6,14  
1:13 5 Ro 16:3  
Eph 4:21  
Col 1:5 Eph 4:30  
Jn 14:16,17  
1:14 15 Ac 20:32  
5:20 5:5 ver 7  
5 Ro 3:24 ver 6, 12  
1:15 5 Ac 20:21  
5 Col 1:4  
1:16 5 Ro 1:8  
5 Ro 1:10  
1:17 5 Jn 20:17  
Ro 15:6 Rev 1:6  
Ex 28:3  
Isa 11:2 Php 1:9  
Col 1:9  
1:18 Job 42:5  
2Co 4:6 Heb 6:4  
5 Ro 8:28  
4 ver 7,5 Ro 2:4  
1 ver 11 Col 1:12  
1:19 Eph 3:7  
Col 1:29  
1:20 5 Mt 22:44  
5:28,38  
1 Co 11:3  
Eph 4:15,5:23  
Col 1:18,2:19  
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5 3 Co 12:27  
5 Jn 1:16  
Eph 3:19

ion, and every title that can be thought of in the present age but also the one to come. And God put things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything in the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Made Alive in Christ

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the prince of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them once, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were naturally objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly

1:21 Eph 3:10  
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5 Mt 12:32  
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5 Mt 22:44  
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1 Co 11:3  
Eph 4:15,5:23  
Col 1:18,2:19  
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5 3 Co 12:27  
5 Jn 1:16  
Eph 3:19

17 Or a spirit 8,9 Or our flesh  
(Eph 4:10 2:5 ver 5 Col 2:13 2:2 ver 3,17 12 Ro 11:28 Gal 5:8 Col 3:7 Tit 3:3 1Pe 4:3 Ro 12:2 15 Jn 12:31 Gal 1:22 ver 5 Gal 5:24 24 5 Jn 3:16 2:5 ver 1, Ph 103 12 ver 3,10 3:5 Ac 15:11 24 5 Ro 6:5 Eph 1:20

When he got the H.S.

We are Christ's inheritance.

reference to those Jews who, like Paul, had become believers before many Gentiles had.

1:13 And you also. Probably refers to the majority of the Ephesians, who were Gentiles, word of truth. See 2Ti 2:15 and note, marked... with a seal. In those days a seal denoted ownership and security.

1:14 deposit. See note on Ro 8:23; inheritance. See Col 1:12; see also Heb 9:15; 1Pe 1:4 and notes.

1:15 ever since I heard. This sounds strange from one who had spent a few years in Ephesus. He may be referring to a greatly enlarged church there, many of whom Paul did not know, or, if Ephesians was intended as a circular letter (see note on v. 1), he may be referring to news from the whole area, only a part of which he had visited.

1:17 God of our Lord Jesus Christ. See note on v. 3, him, God the Father.

1:18 eyes of your heart. Your mind or understanding or inner awareness, hope. Has an objective quality of certainty (see Ro 5:5 and note). It is the assurance of eternal life guaranteed by the present possession of the Holy Spirit (see v. 14), called. See Ro 8:28 and note; Php 3:14; 2Ti 1:9; Heb 3:1, his glorious inheritance in the saints. Either the inheritance we have from God (see v. 14; Col 1:12) or the inheritance God receives, i.e., the saints themselves (cf. Ps 2:8; Isa 53:10), saints. See note on v. 1.

1:19 In this verse Paul piles term upon term to emphasize that the extraordinary divine force by which Jesus Christ was raised (v. 20) is the same power at work in and through believers (see Php 3:10 and note).

1:20 right hand. The symbolic place of highest honor and

conceive of, for in his day many people believed in the existence of angels and demons but also in human beings, Christ is above them all, the present age... come. See Mt 12:32. Like the Rabbinic teachers of the time distinguishes between the present age, which is evil, and the future age when the Messiah will consummate his reign and there will be a completely righteous society on earth.

1:22 under his feet. Ps 85-6 emphasizes the lowliness of human beings, and Heb 2:6-9 shows that when Christ is the Son of Man who rules over everything (cf. Mt 28:18), Christ is not only head of the church, but also over everything (see note on v. 10).

1:23 his body. See 2:16; 4:4,12,16; 5:23,30. The church is the fullness of Christ probably in the sense that it is filled by him who fills all things.

2:1-10 In ch. 1 Paul wrote of the great purposes of God, culminating in the universal headship of Christ, all of which is to be for "the praise of his glory" (v. 14). He proceeds to explain the steps by which God will accomplish his purposes, beginning with the salvation of individuals.

2:1 A description of their past moral and spiritual condition separated from the life of God (cf. Col 1:21).

2:2 ruler, Satan (cf. Jn 14:30, "prince"), or Satan as the earthly enemy (cf. 6:12), spirit. Satan is a creature, a human, being (cf. Job 1:6; Eze 28:15; see note on 14:12-15).

2:3 All of us. Jews and Gentiles, objects of wrath (cf. 1:8-10; 2:5; 9:22).

2:4-10 This passage explains why we are saved by grace. It is not because we are good, but because of God's love for us. God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6  
We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. This, we speak of God's secret wisdom, which God chose to reveal to us by his Spirit. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." Thus, God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For we know the things that God has revealed to us by his Spirit, and we know the things that God has prepared for those who love him. For we know the things that God has revealed to us by his Spirit, and we know the things that God has prepared for those who love him.

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know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup>We live by faith, not by sight.<sup>z</sup> <sup>8</sup>We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.<sup>a</sup> <sup>9</sup>So we make it our goal to please him,<sup>b</sup> whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him<sup>c</sup> for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

### The Ministry of Reconciliation

<sup>11</sup>Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord,<sup>d</sup> we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.<sup>e</sup> <sup>12</sup>We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again,<sup>f</sup> but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us,<sup>g</sup> so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>If we are out of our mind,<sup>h</sup> it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For **Christ's love compels us**, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.<sup>i</sup> <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live

should no longer live for themselves<sup>j</sup> but for him who died for them<sup>k</sup> and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly<sup>l</sup> point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ,<sup>m</sup> he is a new creation;**<sup>n</sup> the old has gone, the new has come!<sup>o</sup> <sup>18</sup>All this is from God,<sup>p</sup> who reconciled us to himself through Christ<sup>q</sup> and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.<sup>r</sup> **And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.** <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,<sup>s</sup> as though God were making his appeal through us.<sup>t</sup> We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.<sup>u</sup> <sup>21</sup>**God made him who had no sin<sup>v</sup> to be sin<sup>t</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.<sup>w</sup>**

**6** As God's fellow workers<sup>x</sup> we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.<sup>y</sup> <sup>2</sup>For he says,

<sup>121</sup> Or be a sin offering

S 1Co 1:30 6:1 x S 1Co 3:9; 2Co 5:20 y 1Co 15:2

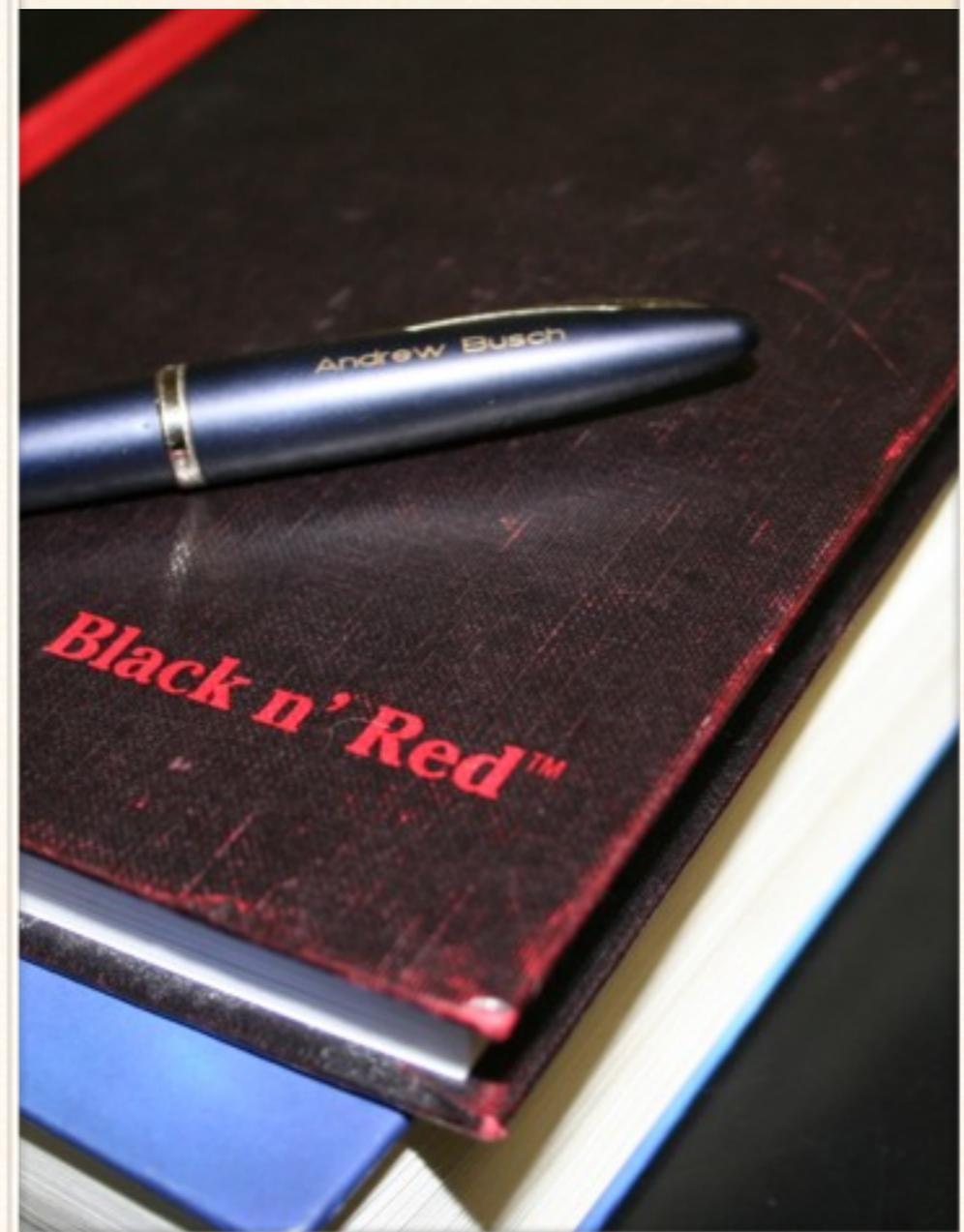
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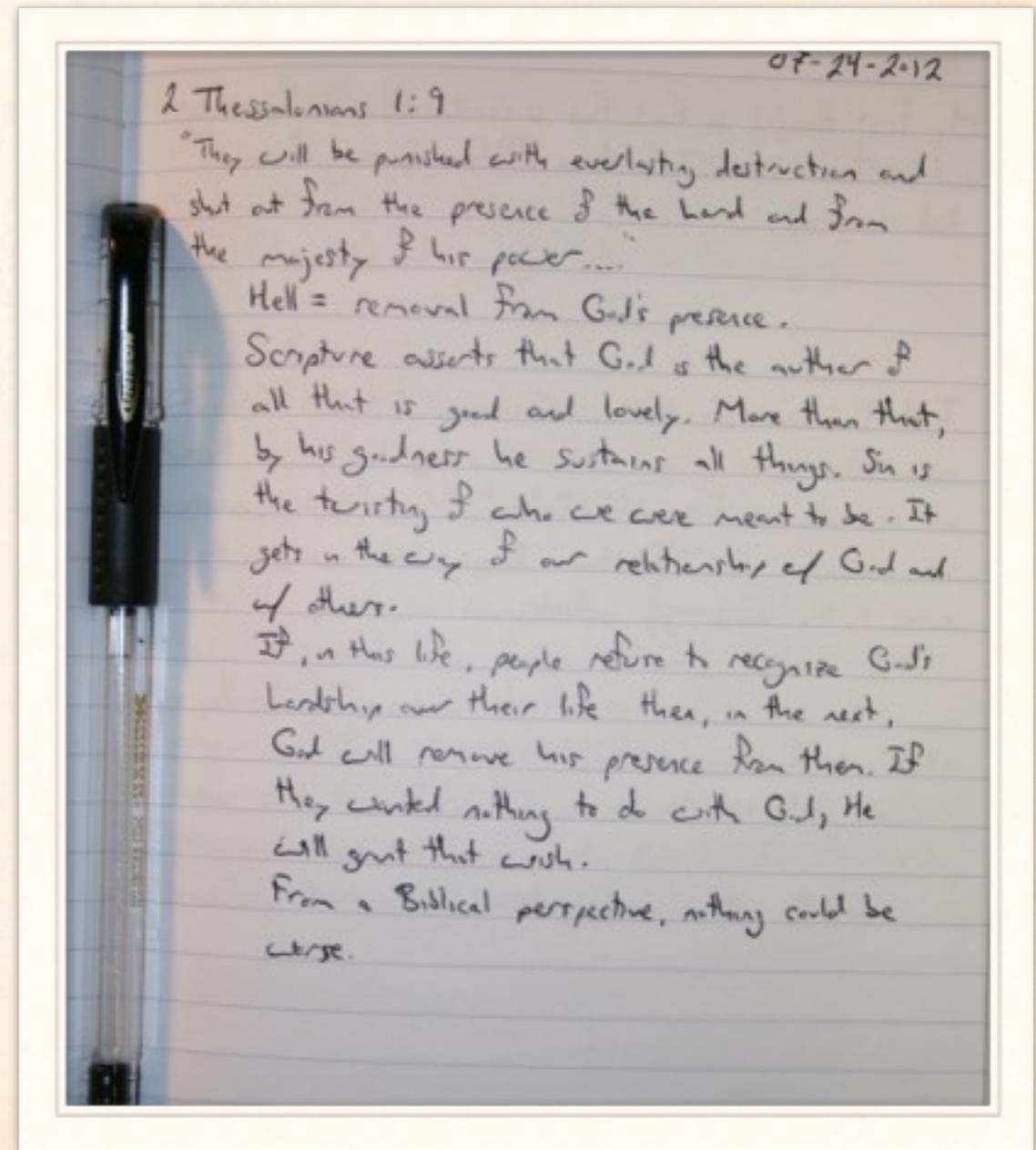
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WRITING OUT YOUR THOUGHTS  
AND PRAYERS WILL HELP YOU  
INTERACT WITH THE TEXT



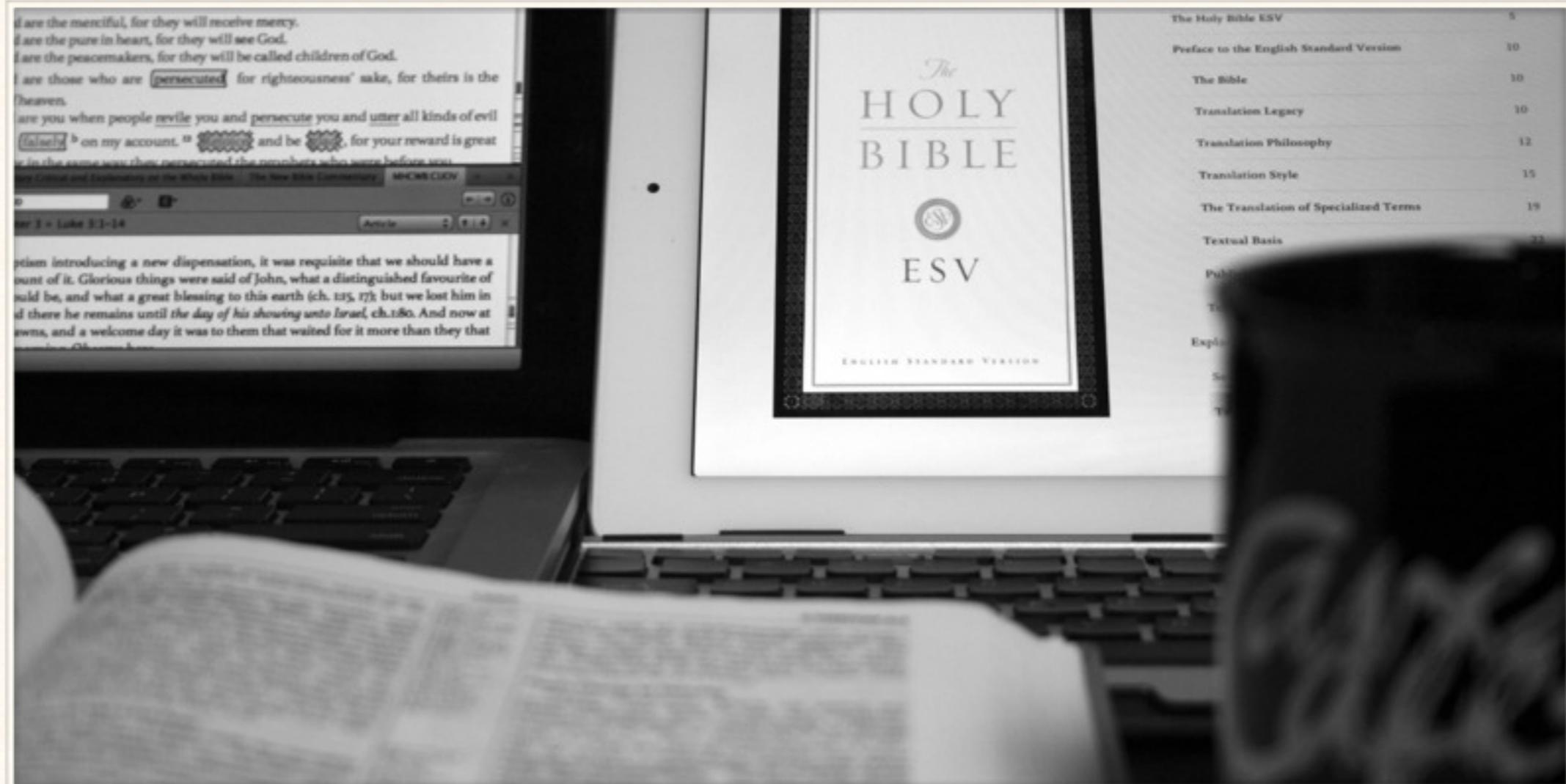
# WRITE IT ALL DOWN

- ❖ Be Real - don't write thinking someone else will ever read your journal.
- ❖ Interact with and react to the text.
- ❖ Write out what you're thinking and feeling.
- ❖ Legibility does not matter (see photo on right)



# SCHEDULE YOUR TIME

UNLESS YOU MAKE THE TIME, YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS WON'T  
TRANSLATE INTO ACTIONS.



# HUNGER

YOU CAN TRAIN YOUR DESIRES



# HOW TO GET HUNGRY

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SPIRITUAL AND THE NATURAL

The Natural

The Spiritual

Don't Eat

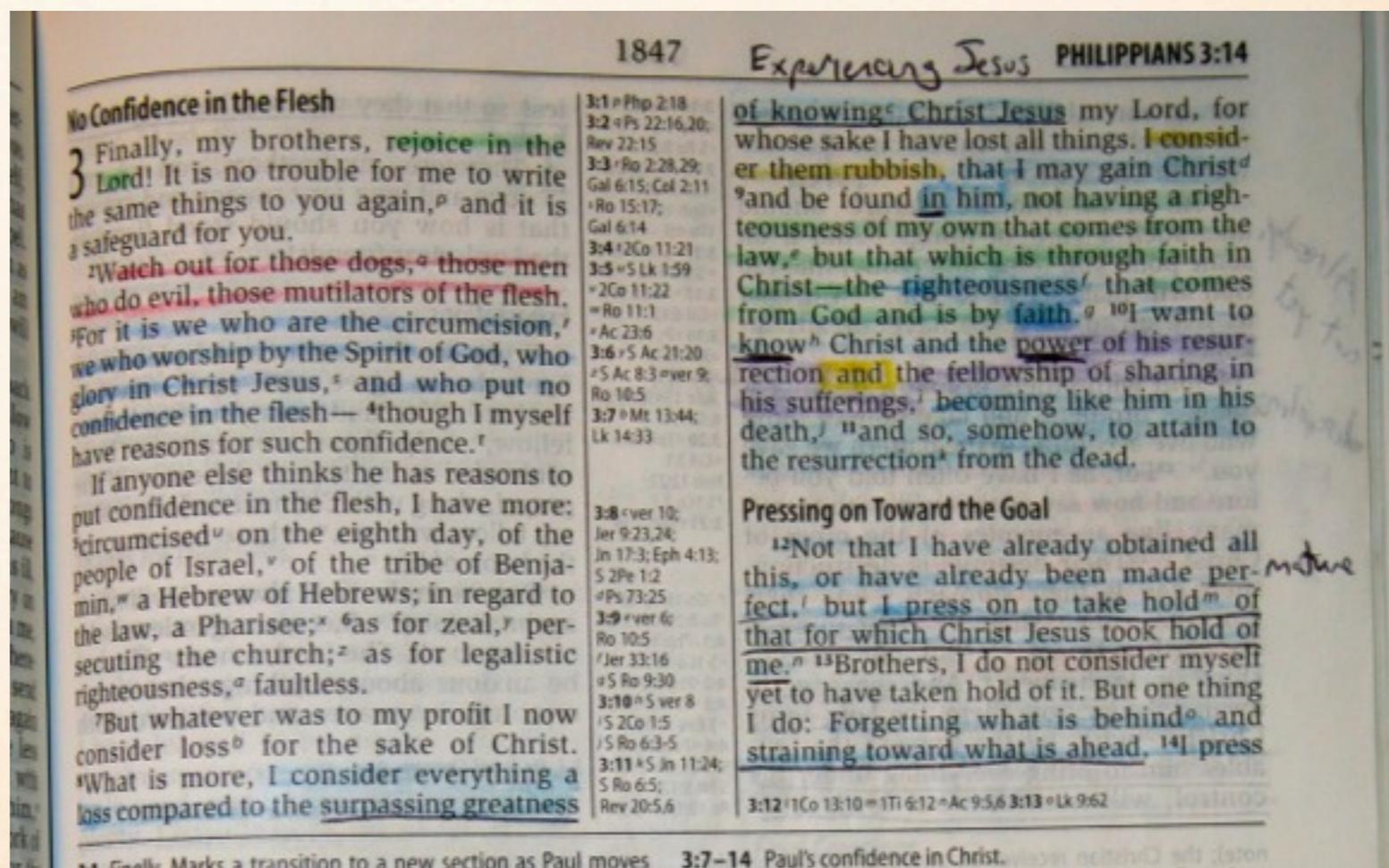
Eat

# EAT IT.

Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. (Rev 10:8-9)

Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. (Ez 3:3)



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