

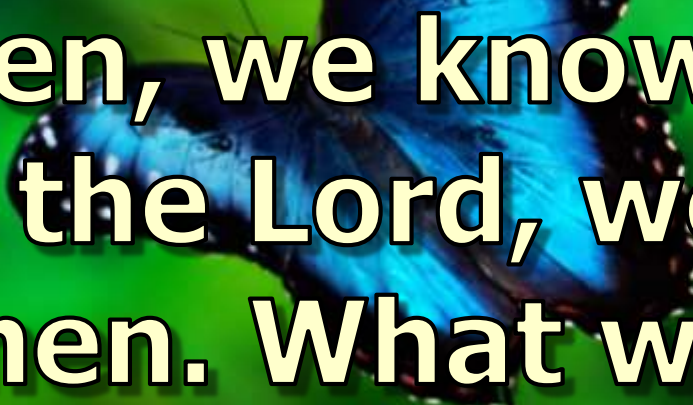
The background of the slide features a pair of hands pulling apart a dark wooden plank. Through the opening, a bright sun is visible over a green field, with a blue sky and white clouds above. The sun's rays create a strong lens flare effect.

God's Promise of **CHANGE**

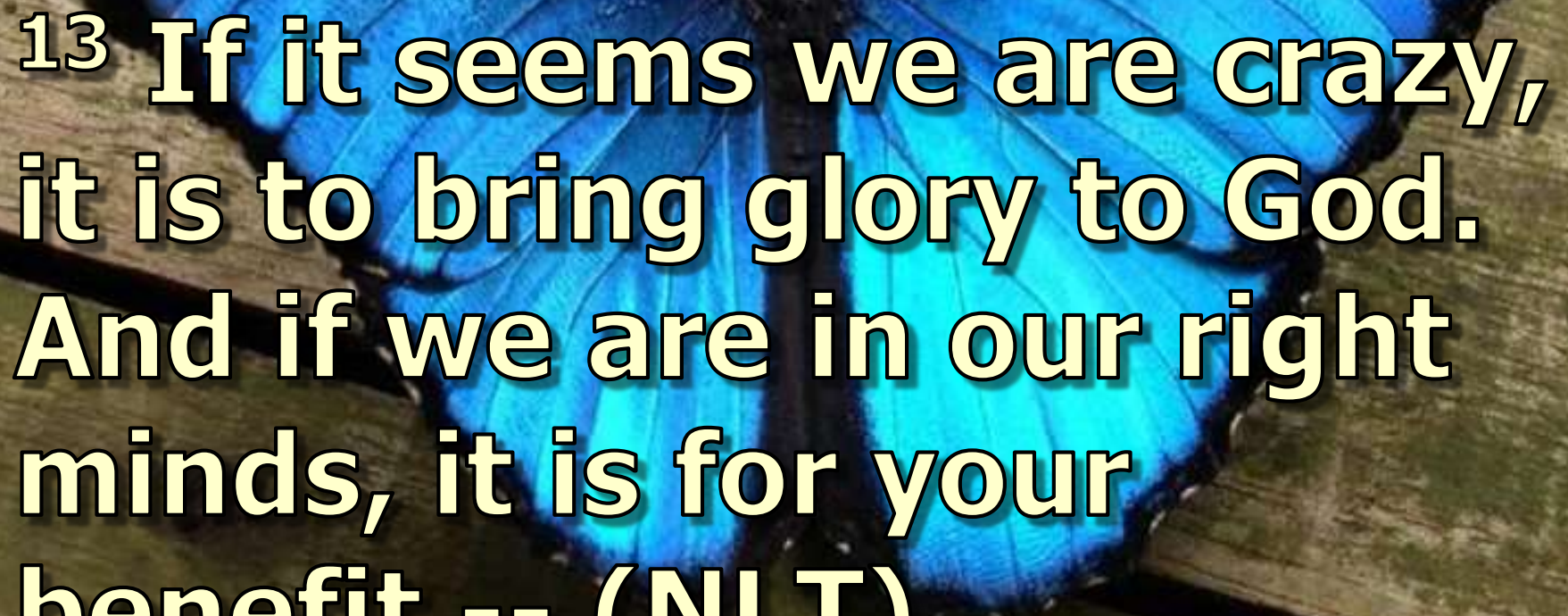
Baptismal Sunday
2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Anthony Grove Baptist Church
Dr. Dennis E. Bean
August 30, 2015

2 Corinthians 5:11

**11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.-
- (NIV)**

A blue butterfly with white spots on its wings is perched on a green leaf. The butterfly is facing left, and its wings are spread. The background is a dark green, textured surface.

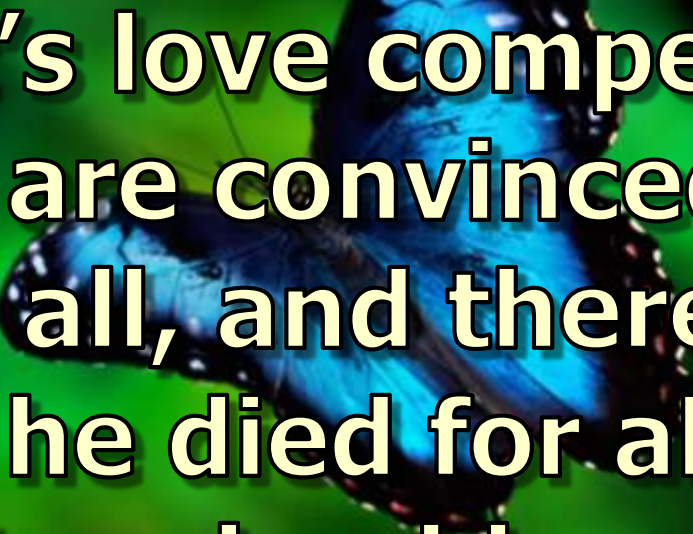
2 Corinthians 5:13



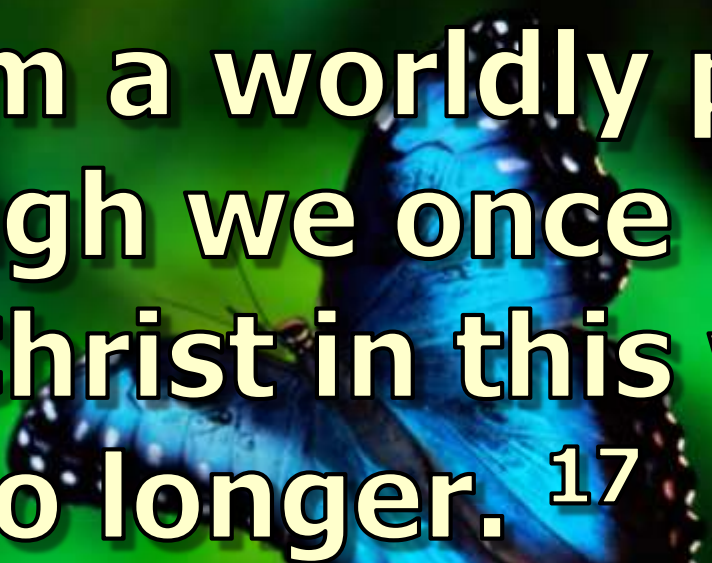
**13 If it seems we are crazy,
it is to bring glory to God.
And if we are in our right
minds, it is for your
benefit.-- (NLT)**

2 Corinthians 5:14–21

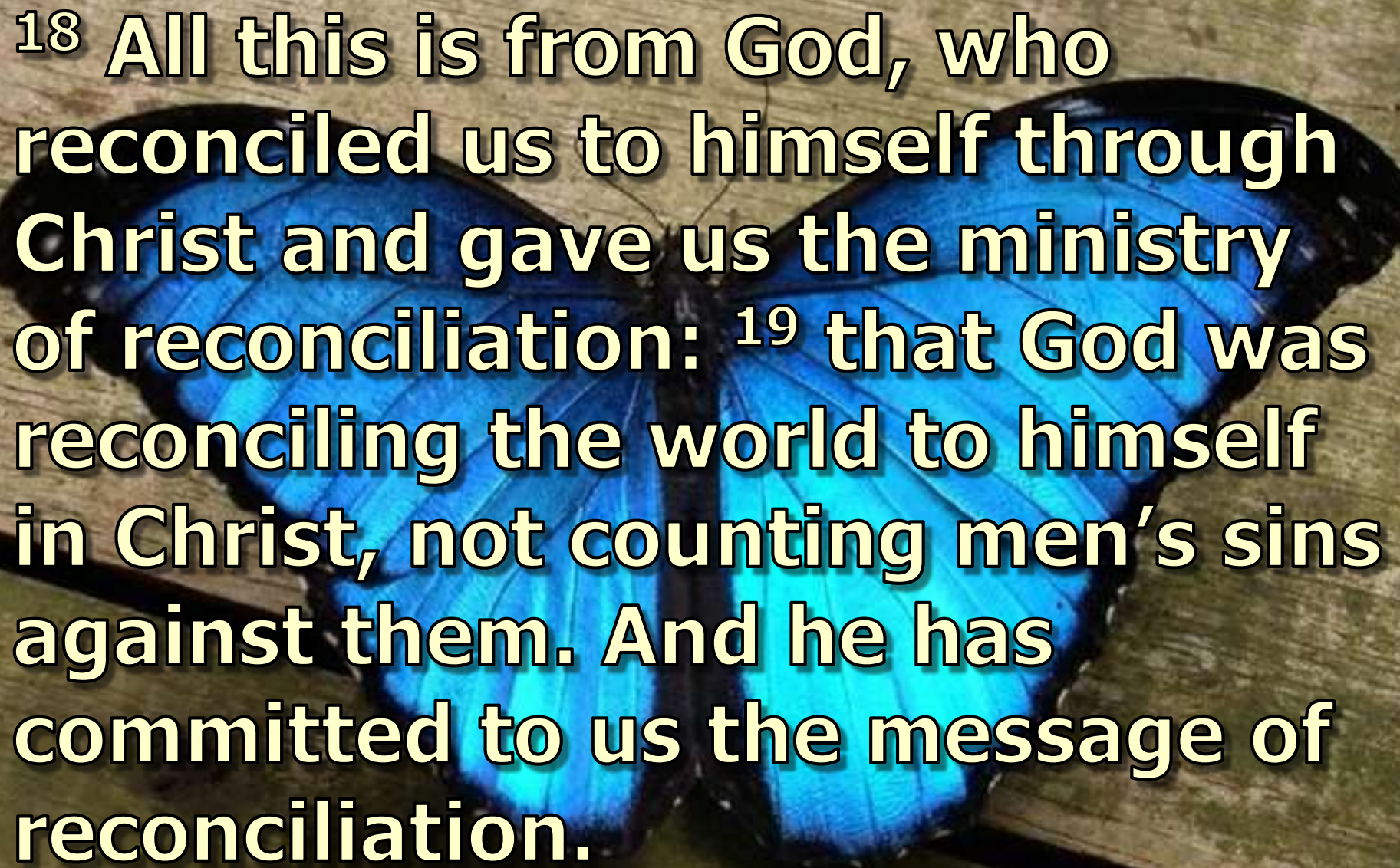
¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.



16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17

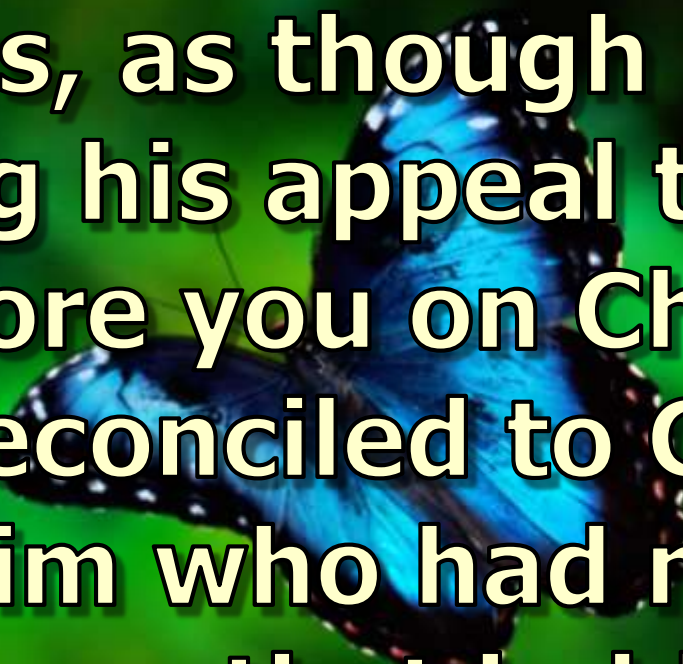


Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

A vibrant blue butterfly with black markings on its wings is perched on a light-colored wooden surface. The butterfly's wings are spread, and its body is positioned centrally. The background is a textured wooden surface with visible grain and some darker spots.

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**20 We are therefore Christ's
ambassadors, as though God
were making his appeal through
us. We implore you on Christ's
behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21
God made him who had no sin to
be sin for us, so that in him we
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of God.-- (NIV)**



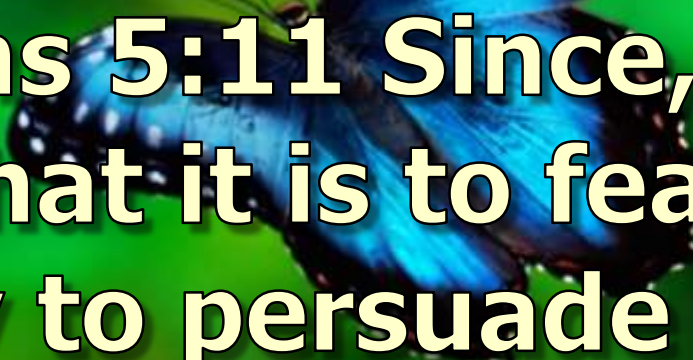


**CHANGE
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**God's Promise of
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A. The Fear of God

Motivates Us.




2 Corinthians 5:11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.-- (NIV)

3 Parts To Our Change

1. Our **Motivation** For Change.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.-- (NKJV)

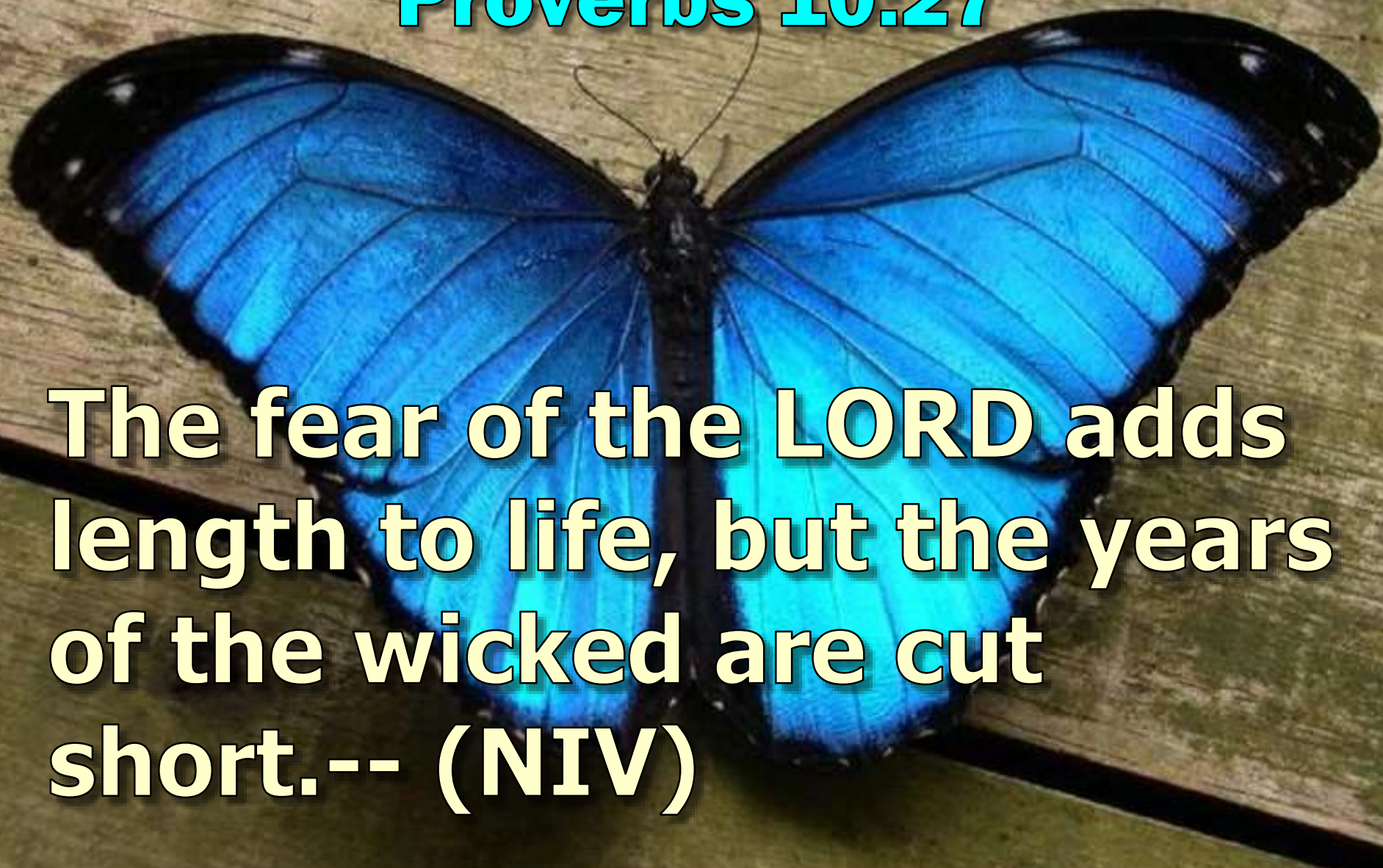
1.) The Benefits of Fearing God.



Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. -- (NIV)

Proverbs 10:27

**The fear of the LORD adds
length to life, but the years
of the wicked are cut
short.-- (NIV)**



Proverbs 14:27



**The fear of the LORD is
a fountain of life,
turning a man from the
snares of death.-- (NIV)**

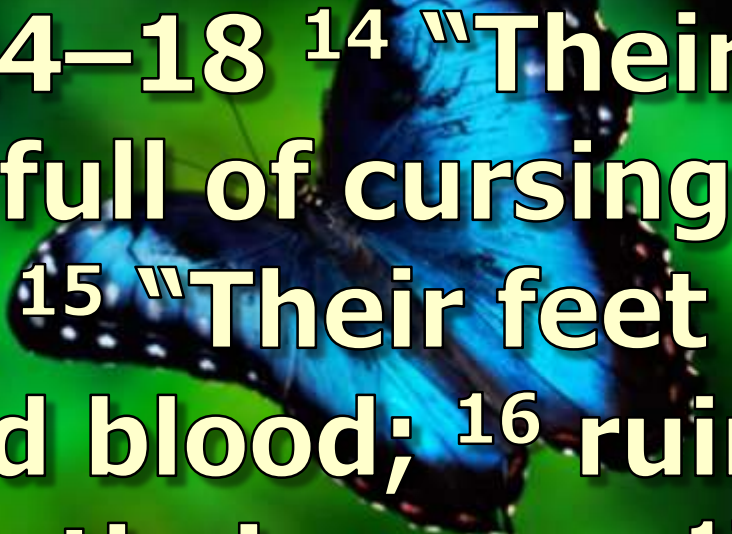
Proverbs 19:23



**The fear of the LORD leads
to life: Then one rests
content, untouched by
trouble.-- (NIV)**

2. The **Absence** of Fearing God.

Romans 3:14–18 ¹⁴ “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.” ¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ ruin and misery mark their ways, ¹⁷ and the way of peace they do not know.” ¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”-- (NIV)



B. The Love of Christ Motivates Us.

**2 Corinthians 5:14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.-
- (NIV)**

2. Our Measure of Change.



2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.-- (NKJV)

A. The Pathway To Change.



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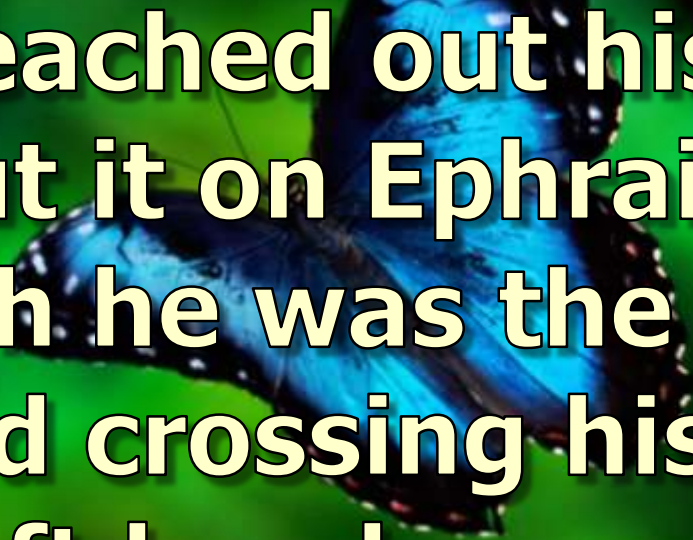
2 Corinthians 5:18



**All this is from God, who
reconciled us to himself
through Christ - (NIV)**

Genesis 48:14

**But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn.--
(NIV)**


A blue butterfly with black spots on its wings is perched on a green leaf. The butterfly is positioned in the center-right of the image, with its wings spread. The background is a blurred green, suggesting a natural setting.

B. The Promise To Change.



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C. The Product of Change.



2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.-- (NKJV)

Colossians 3:5–10


⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. (NIV)

3. The **Mission** of Change.



**2 Corinthians 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:-
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2 Corinthians 5:20



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