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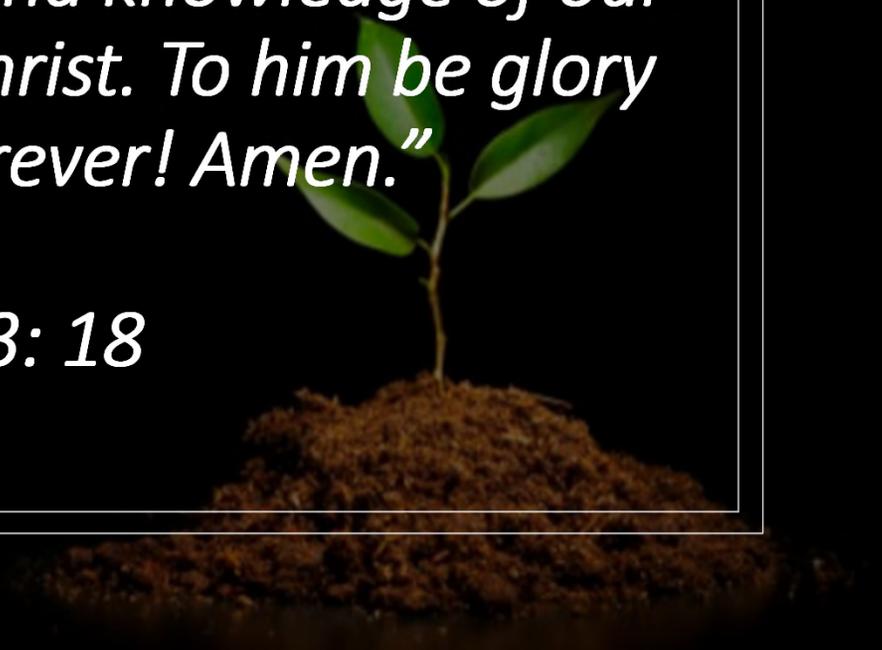
FORWARD

IN MATURITY



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2 Peter 3: 18



What Maturity is not?

Spiritual maturity has nothing to do with our position in Christ

Spiritual maturity is not a matter of time

Spiritual maturity is not a matter of knowledge only

Spiritual Maturity has nothing to do with Activity or “busyness”

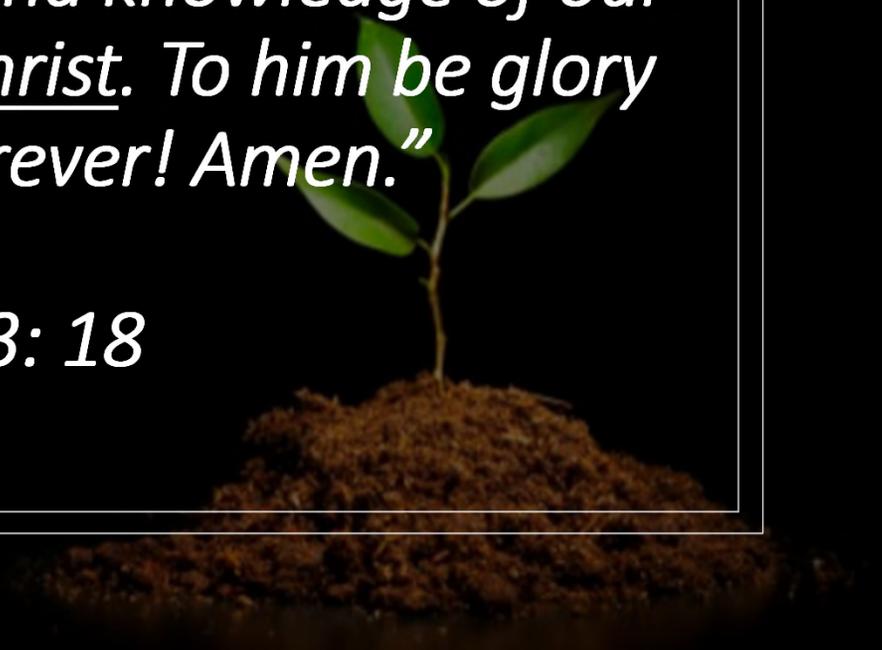
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What is
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Matching your
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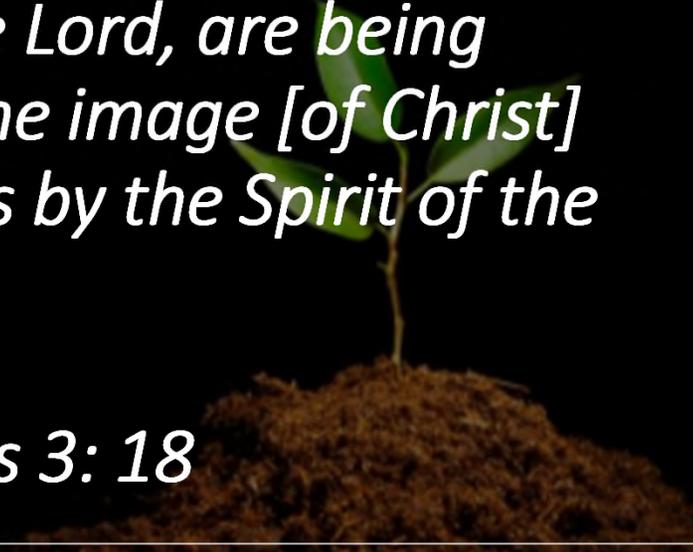


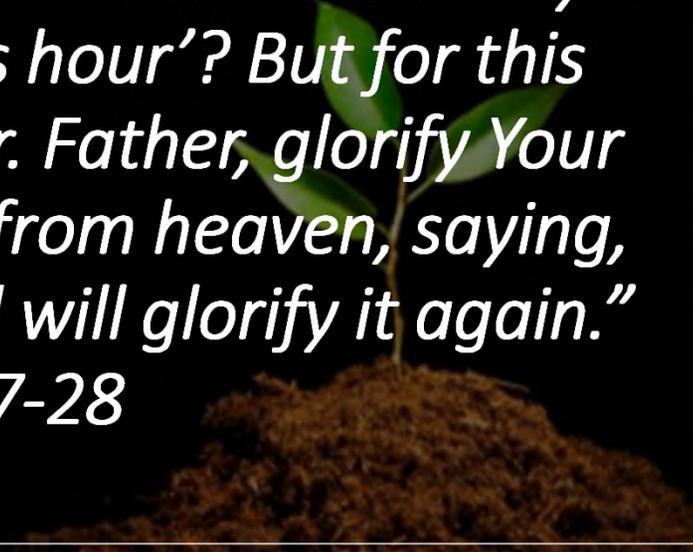
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But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image [of Christ] from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord

2 Corinthians 3: 18

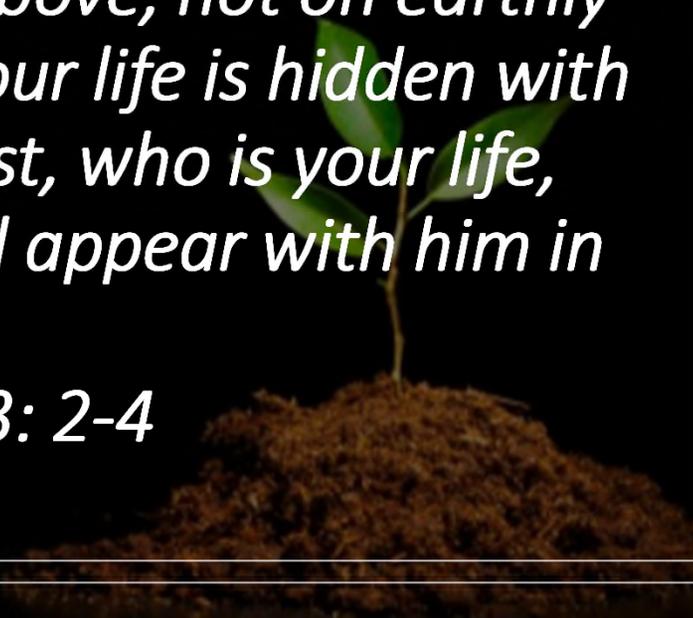




*“Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say?
‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this
purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your
name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying,
“I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”
John 12: 27-28*

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory

Colossians 3: 2-4



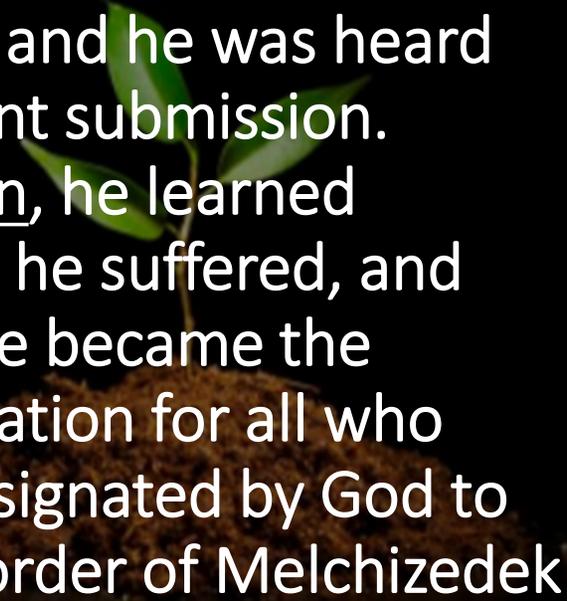
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**Set your focus on the
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Hebrews 5: 7-10

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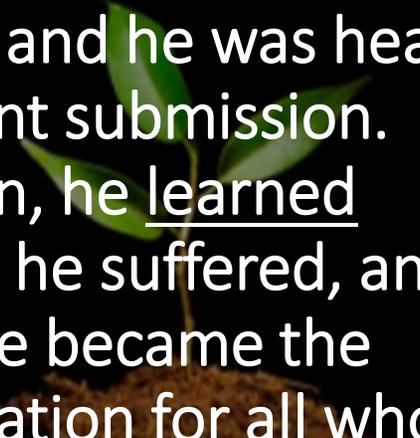
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**We glorify
God by:**

Confessing Jesus is the Lord: Philippians 2: 9-11

**Aiming our lives to obey His Lordship: 1
Corinthians 10: 31**

**Not counting the cost / Loving him enough to
obey him: John 12: 27**

**Your zeal for the house of the Lord; “I hurt when
He is dishonored”: Psalms 69:9**

**Content to be outdone by others: Philippians 1:
14-19**

Endure reproach for Christ: 1 Peter 4: 14-16

Ongoing repentance: Joshua 7: 19-21

Trusting in Him: Romans 4: 20

**We glorify
God by:**

Fruitfulness: John 15: 8; Matthew 5: 16

**Praising Him: Psalms 50: 23; Psalms 86: 9-10, 12;
Psalms 92: 1-2**

Prayer: John 14: 13-14

**Proclaiming the Word: 2 Thessalonians 3: 1;
Galatians 1: 23-24; Acts 13: 48-49**

**Evangelism or Bringing others to Christ: 2
Corinthians 4: 15**

Moral Purity: 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

**Unity in the body: Romans 15: 5-6; Hebrews 10:
24-25; Ephesians 3: 21**

**Serving one another using our Spiritual gifts: 1
Peter 4: 10-11**

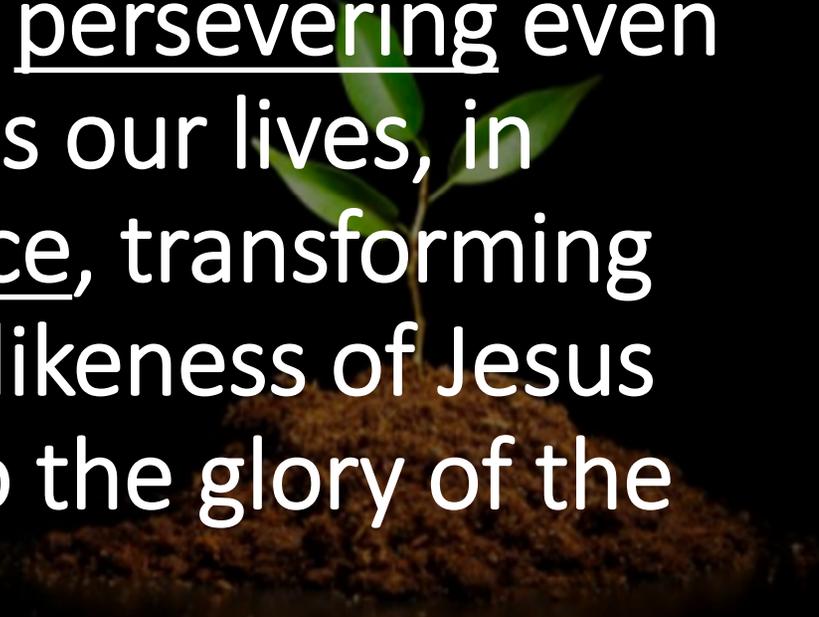
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By fixing our attention on the glory of God, through humility, persevering even if costs us our lives, in obedience, transforming into the likeness of Jesus Christ, to the glory of the Father





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