



THE *Big*

PICTURE
NEW TESTAMENT



Welcome to Class 5!

2 Corinthians
The New Humanity

OVERVIEW

2 CORINTHIANS

JESUS
GLORIOUSLY
EXALTED

THROUGH
HIS SUFFERING
& DEATH

GLORIOUS
ETERNAL

SERIOUSLY!
YOU NEED TO CHECK
YOURSELVES

CORINTHIANS



2 Corinthians 1:3-4

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God

How to Respond to Those Who Are Grieving With Godly, Appropriate Compassion

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Do Say

I'm sorry

Tell me how you feel

I can't imagine how painful this is

You're entitled to grieve

Can I help with your children?

It must be difficult to understand why

You must really miss him/her

How is this affecting you?

Let me offer you my support

It's okay to feel hurt

I can't imagine what it's like to lose a child

I'm so sorry for your loss

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Don't Say

Maybe it's for the best

I know how you feel

It's a blessing in disguise

You've got to be brave

You need to be strong for your kids

This is God's will for your life

He/she is in a better place

You mustn't wallow in self-pity

Get a hold of yourself

Keep a stiff upper lip

Be thankful you have another child

God never gives us more than we can handle

You need to be thankful you had them for so long



[2 Corinthians 5:17](#): "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

[2 Corinthians 5:21](#): "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

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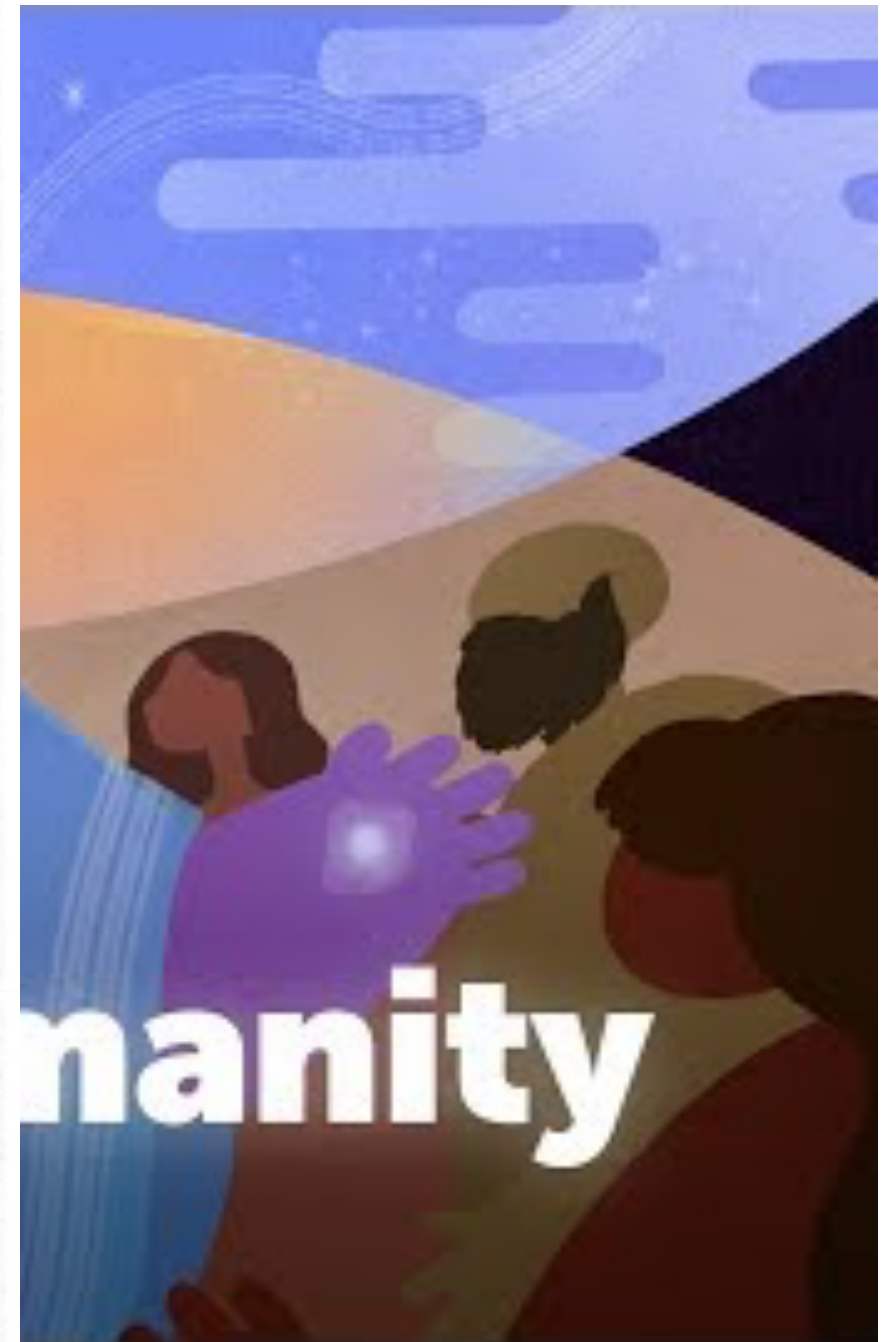
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2 Corinthians 12:2-4

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.



2 Corinthians 12:7-8

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.



2 Corinthians 12:9-10

⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



2 Corinthians 4:8-10

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.



2 Corinthians 9:7

God loves a cheerful giver.



2 Corinthians 10:5

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ