

THE BIG PICTURE

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 & Colossians 3:1-2

2 Cor. 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

Col. 3:1 ...seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

- 1) A Biblical Worldview,
- 2) An Eternal Perspective and
- 3) A *Functional Role in the Body of Christ

*1 Cor. 12

Our three main church discipleship goals

1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NLT)

**And now, dear brothers and sisters,
we want you to know what will
happen to the believers who have
died so you will not grieve like
people who have no hope.**

**“If any righteous man
among the Christians passes
from this world, they rejoice
and offer thanks to God, and
they escort his body with songs
and thanksgiving as if he were
setting out from one place to
another nearby.”**



Aristides





Genesis 50:20

BUT AS FOR YOU, YOU MEANT EVIL AGAINST ME;
BUT GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD,
in order to bring it about as it is this day,
to save many people alive.

GENESIS 50:20 (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 4:173 (NKJV)

**For our light affliction,
which is but for a moment,
is working for us a far more
exceeding and eternal
weight of glory.**



present
afflictions

**Future
Glory**

Philippians 2:8-9 (NKJV)

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)

⁹ And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Isaiah 61:2-3a (TLB)

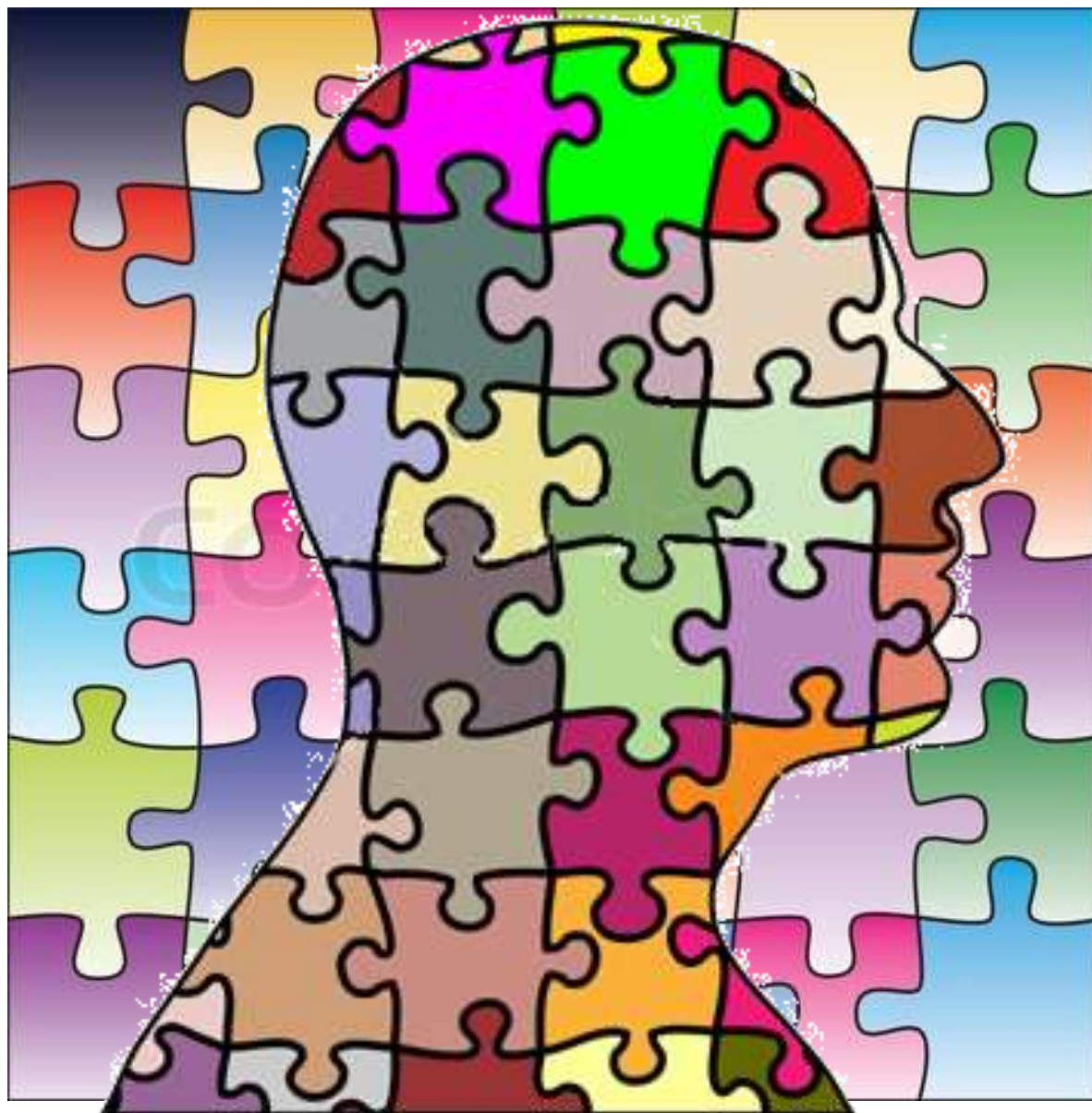
² He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of God's favor to them has come, and the day of his wrath to their enemies.

³ To all who mourn in Israel he will give: Beauty for ashes; Joy instead of mourning; Praise instead of heaviness.

WORLD

Political Map





II Chronicles 7 : 14




If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

**And he said, Oh let not
the LORD be angry, and I
will speak yet but this
once: Peradventure ten
shall be found there. And
he said...**

—Genesis 18:32

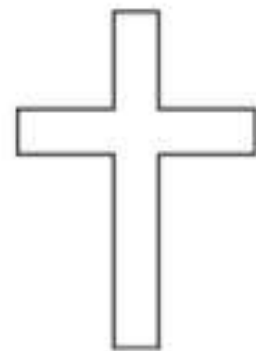
And we know that in
all things
God works for the **GOOD**
of those who love him,
who have been called
according to his purpose

–Romans 8:28

The background of the image is a close-up of several antique keys resting on a heavily textured, aged, and slightly rusted metal surface. One key in the foreground is particularly prominent, showing its intricate bit and a worn handle. Another key with a circular head and a small loop is visible in the upper left. The lighting is warm and directional, creating highlights and shadows that emphasize the textures of the metal and the keys.

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

MATTHEW 16:19



YOU ARE THE CHRIST

THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

MATTHEW 16:13-20

II Chronicles 7 : 14



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Promise

(if see verse 13)

If My people who are
called by My name

Action

- (1) humble themselves
- (2) pray
- (3) seek My face
- (4) turn from their wicked ways

Reward

then I will

- (1) hear from heaven,
- (2) will forgive their sin
- (3) will heal their land.

i will answer **God's**
call & **fall** on my
knees
in humility.
& seek **HIS** face
in repentance
so that **He** might
forgive my sins
and **HEAL** our land.
I'm in.

James 4:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷Therefore submit to God.
Resist the devil and he will flee from
you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will
draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands,
you sinners; and purify *your* hearts,
you double-minded.