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A Healthy Perspective

I have discovered that whenever the word "Necrotic" (from the Greek word Nekra meaning dead!) is attached to the name of a body organ it is not a good combination. So, a necrotic gallbladder is definitely something you want to avoid if you can. Fortunately, I was able to get swift emergency surgery this week and I am now recovering at home.

If you spend any time at all in a hospital you begin to feel your own mortality. (When the candles cost more than the birthday cake it gets your attention.) We find ourselves experiencing and expressing the twin truths that the apostle Paul stated about both the outer man and the inner man.

Therefore, we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

According to Paul, perspective is vital to ensure victorious Christian living in the midst of the vexing vicissitudes of daily life in a fallen finite world. Our physical bodies are faltering, falling apart and one day will fail. But in the wisdom of the Lord, we were made for a resurrection body. He will provide it. We were made for eternity. He is the eternal God who granted to us through his grace eternal life. We are bound for glory.

Now unto the only wise and glorious God, the Great Shepherd who is risen from the dead, whose grace and mercy is endless - we entrust our lives both now and forever.

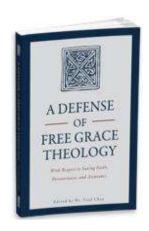
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