





# The Axe and the Hammer





(Eph 2:4) But God, being rich in mercy, because  
of the great love with which he loved us,  
(Eph 2:5) even when we were dead in our  
trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—  
by grace you have been saved—  
(Eph 2:6) and raised us up with him and seated  
us with him in the heavenly places in Christ  
Jesus,



(Eph 2:8) For by grace you have  
been saved through faith. And  
this is not your own doing; it is  
the gift of God,





(Joh 8:11) She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

(Joh 8:12) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



(Rom 2:4) Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?





(Heb 12:1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

(Heb 12:2) looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



(Eph 4:22) to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

(Eph 4:23) and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

(Eph 4:24) and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.





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## 1) The Axe

- The axe speaks of moments of deliverance/freedom which you can experience as you trust in God and turn away from sin.





(2Co 10:4) For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

(2Co 10:5) We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,



(Act 3:19) Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,





Do you trust God's love  
enough to use the Axe in  
your life?

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## 2) The Hammer





(Php 3:12) Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

(Php 3:13) Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,



(Php 3:14) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.





I am being transformed

“ So that I treat them not as they are but as God sees them, and then I invite them into their destiny”



# The hammer

The hammer represents the spiritual building and discipline you exercise as you develop into the “workmanship” he created you to be.





(Mat 7:24) "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who **built** his house on the rock.



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