

Grow in the Gloom

by Charles E. Cowman

We can find spiritual growth and strength in difficult and challenging circumstances, and discover the treasure of our spiritual inheritance.

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1, Romans 5:3, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Philippians 4:18, James 1:2

Topics: "Spiritual Growth", "Divine Revelation"

Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches on the concept of flourishing in the midst of darkness and challenges, drawing parallels between flowers that thrive in gloomy corners of a garden and spiritual growth during tough times. Using the Apostle Paul's experiences in captivity as an example, he highlights how adversity can reveal hidden treasures of grace, love, joy, and peace in Christ, transforming gloom into a place of divine revelation and spiritual inheritance.

Transcript

"I have all, and abound" (Phil. 4:18).

In one of my garden books there is a chapter with a very interesting heading, "Flowers that Grow in the Gloom." It deals with those patches in a garden which never catch the sunlight. And my guide tells me the sort of flowers which are not afraid of these dingy corners--may rather like them and flourish in them.

And there are similar things in the world of the spirit. They come out when material circumstances become stern and severe. They grow in the gloom. How can we otherwise explain some of the experiences of the Apostle Paul ?

Here he is in captivity at Rome. The supreme mission of his life appears to be broken. But it is just in this besetting dinginess that flowers begin to show their faces in bright and fascinating glory. He may have seen them before, growing in the open road, but never as they now appeared in incomparable strength and beauty. Words of promise opened out their treasures as he had never seen them before.

Among those treasures were such wonderful things as the grace of Christ, the love of Christ, the joy and peace of Christ; and it seemed as though they needed an "encircling gloom" to draw out their secret and their inner glory. At any rate the realm of gloom became the home of revelation, and Paul began to realize as never before the range and wealth of his spiritual inheritance.

Who has not known men and women who, when they arrive at seasons of gloom and solitude, put on strength and hopefulness like a robe? You may imprison such folk where you please; but you shut up their treasure with them. You cannot shut it out. You may make their material lot a desert, but "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."--Dr. Jowett

"Every flower, even the fairest, has its shadow beneath it as it swings in the sunlight."

Where there is much light there is much shade.

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/charles-e-cowman/grow-in-the-gloom/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net