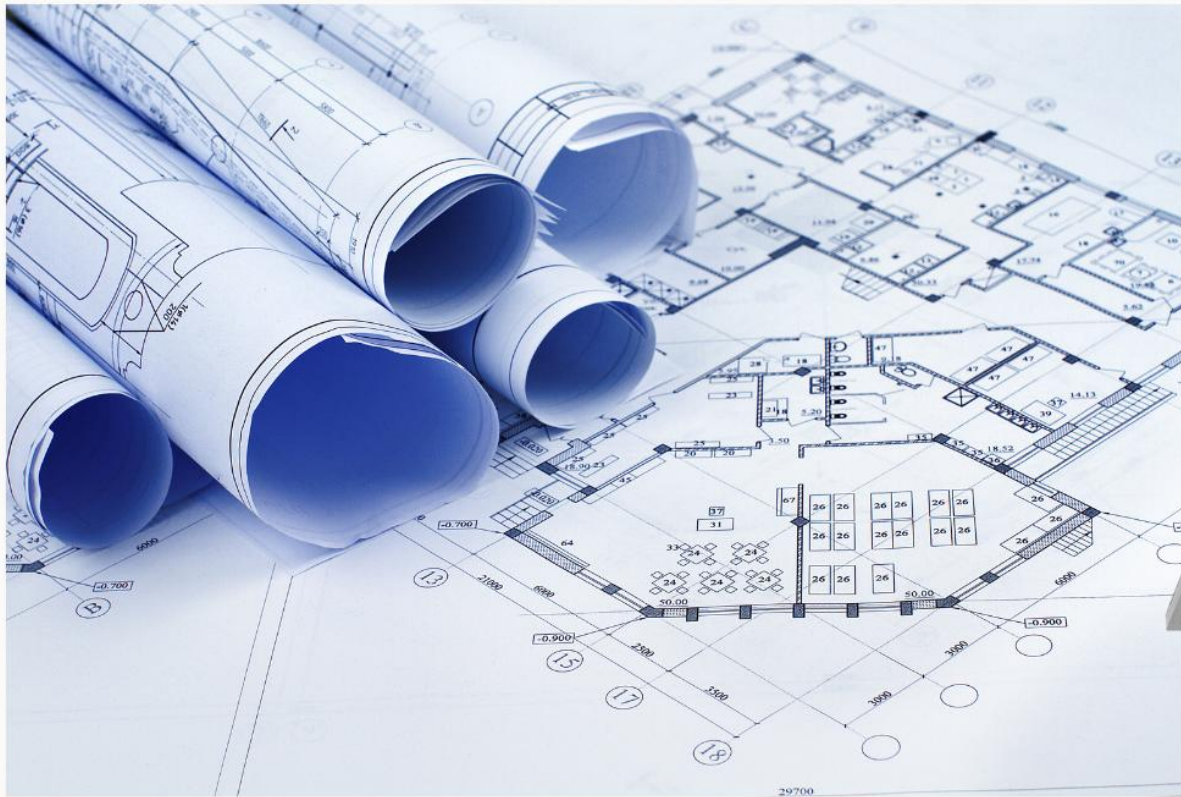




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SOUND DOCTRINE:

- **FOUND IN THE BIBLE**
- **KEEPS JESUS CENTRAL**
- **PRODUCES GOOD FRUIT - CONSISTENTLY GOOD BEHAVIOUR AND ACTIONS (RIGHTEOUSNESS) AND MOTIVATIONS (GODLINESS)**
- **PROMOTES SPIRITUAL HEALTH IN SELF AND OTHERS**



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1 CORINTHIANS 13:11

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SUBMISSION:

- IS NOT SUBJUGATION
- HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE SUBMITTED TO CHRIST
- EPHESIANS 5:24 - AS THE CHURCH SUBMITS TO CHRIST, SO YOU WIVES SHOULD SUBMIT TO YOUR HUSBANDS IN EVERYTHING.
 - SELF-SACRIFICING LOVE
 - THIS IS WHY THE MEN MUST BE MATURE



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TITUS 2:6-8

IN THE SAME WAY, ENCOURAGE THE YOUNG MEN TO LIVE WISELY. AND YOU YOURSELF MUST BE AN EXAMPLE TO THEM BY DOING GOOD WORKS OF EVERY KIND. LET EVERYTHING YOU DO REFLECT THE INTEGRITY AND SERIOUSNESS OF YOUR TEACHING. TEACH THE TRUTH SO THAT YOUR TEACHING CAN'T BE CRITICIZED. THEN THOSE WHO OPPOSE US WILL BE ASHAMED AND HAVE NOTHING BAD TO SAY ABOUT US.



TITUS 2:9-10

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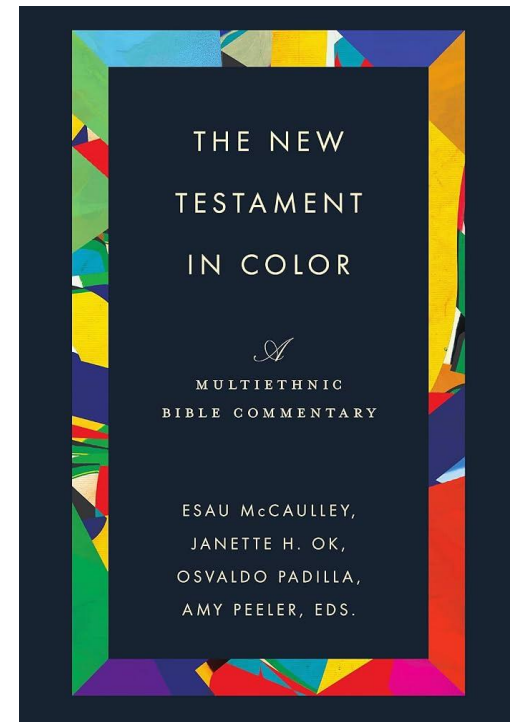
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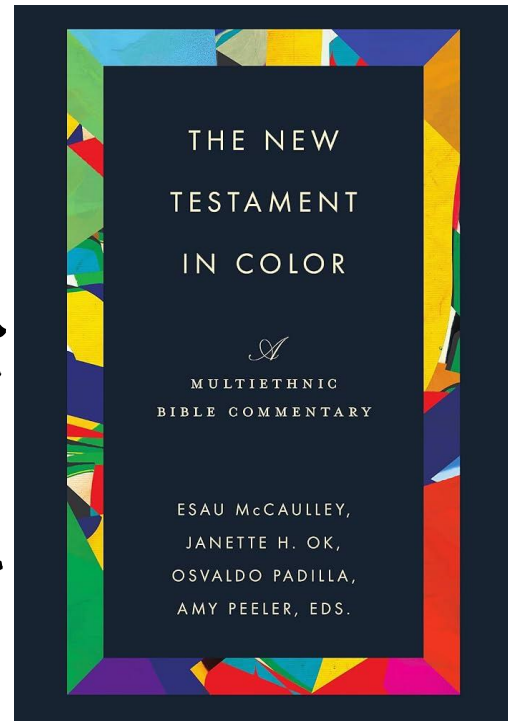
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PAUL COULD NOT DESTROY SLAVERY AND MALTREATMENT OF WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND THE ELDERLY BY UNITY AND SHEER WILLPOWER. HE COULD NOT BRING FREEDOM TO SLAVES BY "DEMOCRATIC ARGUMENTS" AND VOTES. HE COULD NOT MARCH BEFORE THE ROMAN FORUM. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT FOR PAUL FREEDOM COULD BE EXPERIENCED EVEN IN THE MIDST OF A PATRIARCHAL CULTURE AND SLAVERY (SEE GAL. 5:13-6:2).



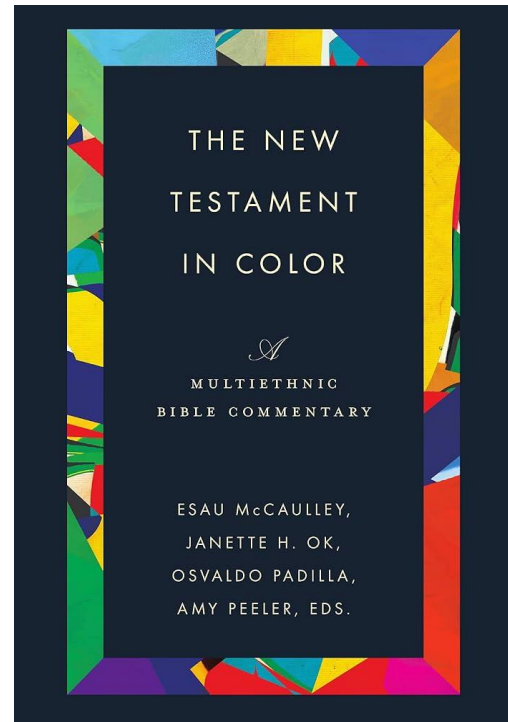
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IN FACT, FREEDOM WAS ALREADY BEING EXPERIENCED IN THE ECCLESIA, WHERE WHAT COUNTED WAS BEING BIRTHED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SERVING ONE ANOTHER AS SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST... LET US NOT BE MISTAKEN: DOMINATION OF WOMEN BY MEN AS OFTEN HAPPENS IN PATRIARCHAL SOCIETIES AND SLAVERY ARE EVIL. IF WE LIVE IN A NATION THAT PERMITS PROTESTATION AGAINST THESE EVILS, WE SHOULD TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE TO FULMINATE SUCH EVILS.



OSVALDO PADILLA

PAUL TOO WANTED OPPRESSION TO FINISH. BUT HE DID NOT LIVE IN A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY. HIS APPROACH WAS MISSIONAL. AND THIS MEANT LIVING IN A GODLY MANNER IN DIFFICULT STATIONS OF LIFE, WHERE THE GOSPEL COULD BE PREACHED WITH DEEDS AND WORDS. FOR THE GOSPEL ALONE CAN BRING GENUINE CHANGE AND FREEDOM.





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WHATEVER CULTURE SAYS, WHATEVER IT ENDORSES, WE LIVE AS KINGDOM. WE LIVE GOD'S GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL DESIGN AS A TESTIMONY TO THE WORLD ABOUT WHAT WILL BE.

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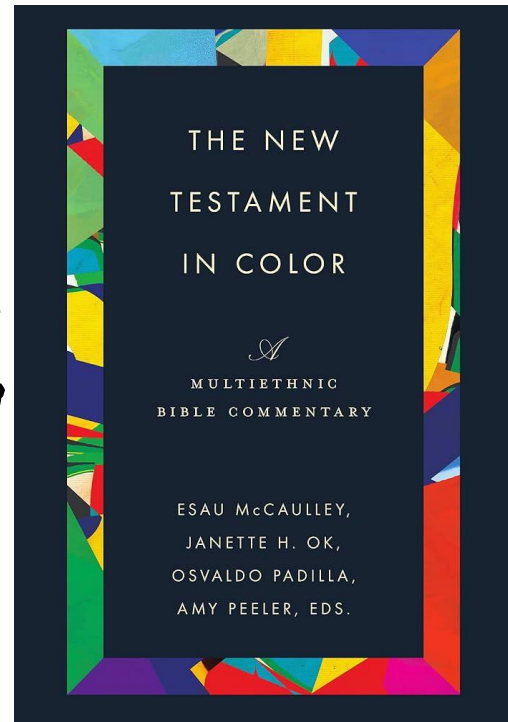
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FOR PAUL, THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE MAJESTY OF CHRIST AND THE HUMILIATION OF CHRIST. IN SOME WAYS THE LATTER DEFINES THE FORMER: "WHEN THE CRUCIFIED JESUS IS CALLED 'THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD,' THE MEANING IS THAT THIS IS GOD, AND GOD IS LIKE THIS. GOD IS NOT GREATER THAN HE IS IN HIS HUMILIATION. GOD IS NO MORE GLORIOUS THAN HE IS IN THIS SELF-SURRENDER.



TITUS 2:15

YOU MUST TEACH THESE THINGS AND ENCOURAGE THE BELIEVERS TO DO THEM. YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CORRECT THEM WHEN NECESSARY, SO DON'T LET ANYONE DISREGARD WHAT YOU SAY.





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