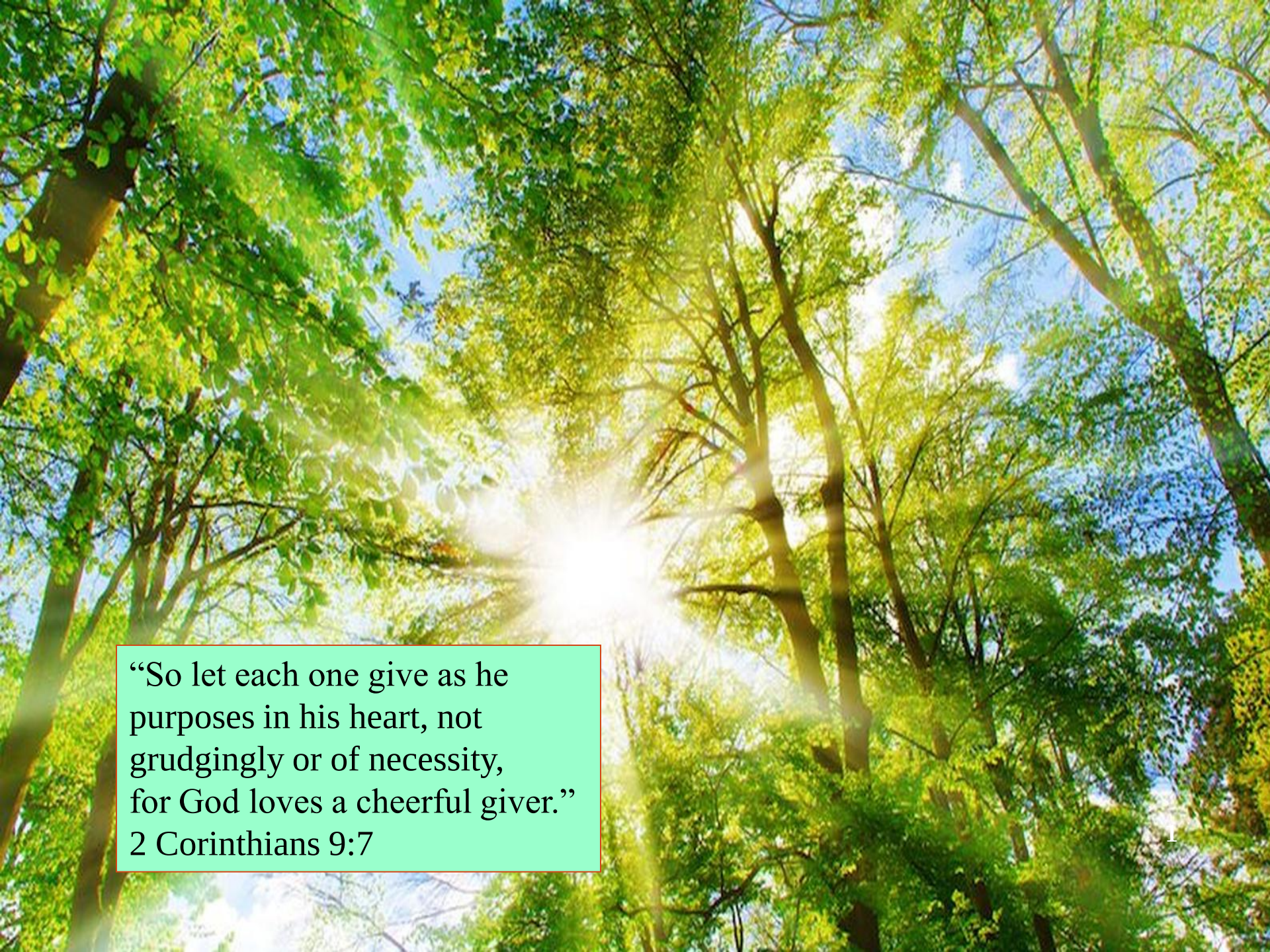
“So let each one give as he
purposes in his heart, not
grudgingly or of necessity,
for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7

ARTICLE

- Written in a publication,
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- **Church remakes auditorium to revitalize the Lord's Supper**

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THERE'S GOD'S WAY, BUT MAN ALWAYS COMES UP WITH THE ASTATICALLY PLEASING

- "Believers greeted fellow Christians with handshakes and hugs – and gazed into each other's eyes as they ate of the bread and drank of the cup."
- "We're about to have a meal together, the communion leader explained. Granted, the portions are smaller, but the meaning is hugely significant."

- **1 Corinthians 11:17-22**
- Corinth church had made the observance into a common meal.
- A communal meal was never meant to have/be any part of the memorial – the point is the purpose of coming together… about Christ's death.

PURPOSE IS TO PROCLAIM HIS DEATH, NOT…

- "The 2008 book, *Come to the Table: Revisioning the Lord's Supper,"* restoration movement scholar John Mark Hicks asserted that the Christian practice of the Lord's Supper as a silent, solemn, individualistic eating of the bread and drinking of wine is radically dissimilar from the joyous communal meal in earliest Christianity."
- **What part of what Paul said did we miss?!**
- Paul rebukes the Corinthians: when you come together, you come for a feast, **NOT** to remember Christ's death, 1 Corinthians 11:20
- The communal idea here means, together for the right purpose… "when you come together as a church" (vs. 18)

Examine Himself (male and female)

1 Corinthians 11:27-34

- Vs. 27 – They were treating this as a common meal, some were even drunk (vs. 21)
- Vs. 28 – We would never be truly worthy, rather, to keep us from committing verse 27, making sure we are in the right frame of mind (Corinth was not)
- Vs. 29 – not discerning, not having the frame of mind of the memorial to Christ's body and blood – not a meal to satisfy one's hunger (insert other thoughts)
- Vs. 30 – taking unworthily is due to spiritual illness, meaning one is spiritually dead

Remembering His Death Properly

- Focus, avoid distractions of the mind
- Read about His agony – Matthew 26:36-42
- Read about Him putting the memorial in place – Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-22
- Read about His death – John 19:17-37

What must I do to be saved? *Acts 16:30*

- **Believe in Jesus –**
  John 8:24/3:16
- **Repent of Sins –**
  Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38/7:30-31
- **Confess your Faith in Jesus –**
  Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9
- **Baptism for the Remission Of Sins –**
  Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38/22:16
- **Live Faithfully for the Remainder of Life –**
  Revelation 2:10; James 2:10
  - **Remember Matthew 7:21-23** *(not everyone, but…)*