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Scandal: John Piper Photographed Collecting Seashells

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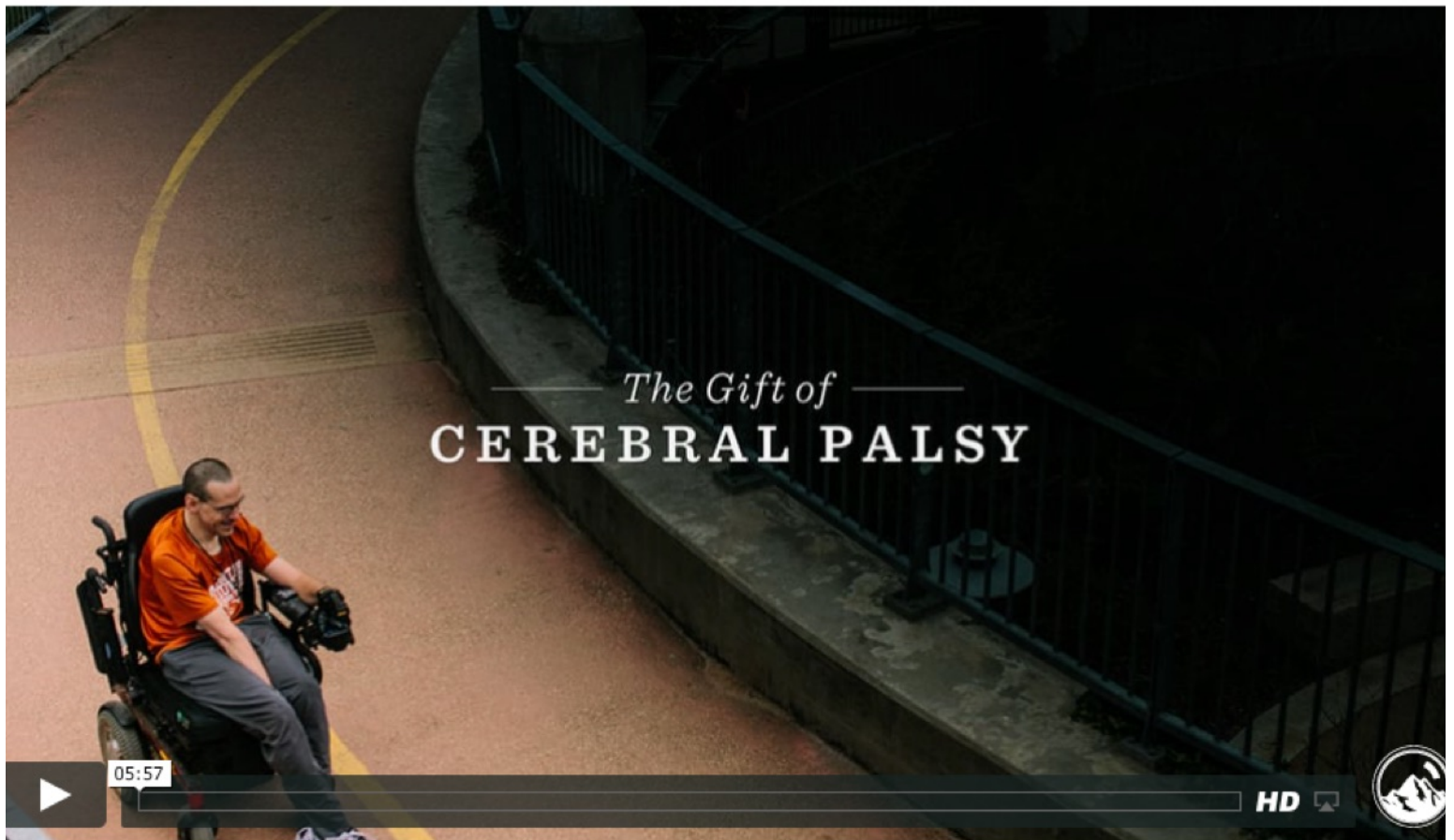
A photograph of John Piper, an older man with glasses, wearing a red and blue plaid shirt, standing on a sandy beach and looking down at the ground. The ocean is visible in the background.



1. JOY in spite of chains,
as long as Christ's cause was furthered.
2. JOY in spite of detractors,
as long as Christ's name is proclaimed.
3. JOY in spite of death,
as long as Christ's glory is seen.
4. JOY in spite of the flesh,
as long as Christ's church was helped.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Why do we HOPE?





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[16] Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and
God our Father, who loved us and gave us
eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
[17] comfort your hearts and establish them in
every good work and word.

Rejoice in HOPE - Romans 12:12

Love... because of HOPE - Colossians 1:4-5

Boldness... since we have HOPE - 2 Cor. 3:12

Endurance... because of HOPE - 2 Thess. 1:3-4

What Is Our HOPE Based On?

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Who Has Eternal Comfort and Good Hope?

- Those submitted to the Lordship of Jesus
- Those who trust God with their future

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Steps of Salvation:

1. God chose us from the beginning
2. God called us through the gospel
- 3/4. Spirit sanctifies/we believe truth
5. We obtain the glory of Jesus

[16] Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope **through grace**

So too at the present time there is a remnant, **chosen by grace**. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. - Rom. 11:5-6

God saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago. - 2 Timothy 1:9

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me.

- 1 Corinthians 15:10

When [Paul] had wished to cross to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him. when he arrived, he greatly helped those who **through grace had believed.**

- Acts 18:27

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his call, and may fulfill every good resolve and work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, **according to the grace** of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. - 2 Thess. 1:11