

Sun. Morning

INSIDE OUT RENEWAL

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Text: 2 Corinthians 4:8-18

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you. 13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."
(2 Corinthians 4:8-18)

INTRODUCTION

- Paul's constant trials (2 Cor 6:4-5)
- * Paul's boastings (2 Cor 11:18, 22-30)
- Corinth very wealthy city
 - * many rich people lived in city
- Corinth known to be center for hedonistic society
 - * "Las Vegas Sin City" of ancient world
 - * sinful life styles in Corinth (1 Cor 6:9-11)
- But God sent Paul to Corinth (Acts 18:1)
 - * 1 Cor 18:9-10 speak without fear
 - x God is with Paul
 - x God had many people in this city
- learn about the power of God's strength & might
 - * ~~1 Cor 13:13~~ Rom 8:10 Be strong in the Lord & in the power of His strength

Quote: "They viciously criticized Paul's physical appearance and poor oratory and his refusal to accept money for spiritual service, and questioned the authenticity of his apostleship."—**Gromacki**

Quote: "I know, perhaps as well as anyone, what depression means, and what it is to feel myself sinking lower and lower. Yet at the worst, when I reach the lowest depths, I have an inward peace which no pain or depression can in the least disturb. Trusting in Jesus Christ my Savior, there is still a blessed quietness in the deep caverns of my soul, though upon the surface, a rough tempest may be raging, and there may be little apparent calm."—**C.H. Spurgeon**

"For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16) your inner self

1. **OUTWARD** Perishing (v. 8-10)

A. The adversity (troubles)

TROUBLE - difficulties, tough times

PERPLEXITY - difficult to make decision

"Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: 10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city." (Acts 18:9-10)

PERSECUTION - people against you

"Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: 16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost." (1 Thessalonians 2:15-16)

CAST DOWN

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance." (Psalm 42:5)

B. The identity

PAUL CARRIED THE MARKS OF DEATH

Paul's
many
troubles

"Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. 24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. 25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness."
(2 Corinthians 11:23-27)

Paul
revealed
christ

PAUL MANIFESTED CHRIST IN LIFE

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21)

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20-21)

2. INWARD Renewing (v. 16, 8-13)

A. The meaning of Renewal

slow
gradual
decline
to death

THE OUTWARD MAN PERISHES - slowly dies

THE INWARD MAN RENEWED - renew your spirit

"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;"
(Ephesians 3:16)

B. The manifestation of the Renewal - revealed

TROUBLED - yet not crushed

PERPLEXED - not in despair

Quote: "It'll be exciting to see how He uses me and how He proves."—R.B. Ouellette

PERSECUTED - not forsaken

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."
(Hebrews 13:5-6)

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."
(Isaiah 41:10)

CAST DOWN - not destroyed

"The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments."
(2 Timothy 4:13)

C. The message of Renewal

PAUL'S DILEMMA - Jesus life revealed in mortal flesh

Quote: "This shows what is meant in vs. 10, by bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus." - Barnes

THE CHURCHES BENEFIT - I spoke because I believed Jesus Christ

3. UPWARD Hoping (v. 14-18)

A. A Coming resurrection - the blessed hope

A CONTINUAL HOPE

alive again by God's power
"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."
(Romans 8:11)

"And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power." (1 Corinthians 6:14)

A PERSONAL HOPE

God's purpose
"That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:27)

