



Club Polis Bible Study

2 Corinthians 4

Suffering Like Jesus

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Part 1 — Preaching Christ Jesus the Lord

2 Corinthians 4:1–7

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What does verse 1 say we receive mercy to do?

2 Corinthians 4:1

YOUR ANSWER

2

What are the hidden things of dishonesty in verse 2? Why do we renounce them?

2 Corinthians 4:2

Hint: Look at other translations and use your concordance for the phrase 'hidden things of dishonesty' — different translations reveal different layers of what Paul is describing.

YOUR ANSWER

3

In depth: Why is the gospel hidden to some people?

2 Corinthians 4:4

3.1) Who is the god of this world, and what has he done to blind unbelievers?

3.2) In verse 5, who do we preach — and what are we when we preach it?

3.3) What is the treasure we have in verse 7, and why does God place it in earthen vessels?

Hint: Look up the Greek word for 'blinded' in your concordance. Also consider: what does it mean to preach yourself vs. preaching Christ?

Cross-reference: John 12:40 · Ephesians 2:2 · 1 Corinthians 1:21–25

YOUR ANSWER

Part 2 — Cast Down But Not Destroyed

2 Corinthians 4:8–18

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Take a look at verses 10–12. What are some ways as believers we carry the dying of Jesus?

2 Corinthians 4:10–12

Daily question to sit with: How can I die to self today so that the people I come across can experience the life of Jesus through me?

YOUR ANSWER

6

What does verses 14–15 mean? What picture of the gospel does it give us?

2 Corinthians 4:14–15

Cross-reference: Romans 8:11 · 1 Corinthians 15:20–22

YOUR ANSWER

7

How often does verse 16 tell us our inward man is renewed? How else does the Bible tell us to renew ourselves? Give a scripture.

2 Corinthians 4:16

Hint: Think about renewal of the mind — what does Romans 12:2 or Ephesians 4:23 add to this picture?

Cross-reference: Romans 12:2 · Ephesians 4:23–24

YOUR ANSWER

■ **PAUSE — Let this sink in.**

Verse 17 says our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. That word 'glory' in the Greek is *doxa* — it speaks of weight, of substance, of eternal reality. The worst thing you are going through right now is **LIGHT**. It is working out for you something far more precious, eternal, and weighty. That glory is not coming — it is already being produced in you by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. Let that sink in.

8.1) After sitting with verse 17 — what is the Word saying to you personally? 8.2) What is the difference between what is seen and what is not seen? Why should we ever look to the unseen over the seen?

Hint: Glory is eternal and weighty. The worst thing you feel like you are going through is light. It works out for you something far more precious.

YOUR ANSWER

"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."

2 Corinthians 4:10

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Based on 2 Corinthians 4 — where in your life are you tempted to look at what is seen instead of what is unseen? What would change if you treated that situation as light and momentary, knowing it is producing eternal glory in you?

YOUR ANSWER
