

## **EVENING DEVOTIONS**

**Thursday, 19 March 2026**

**Text: 2 Corinthians 4**

**Title: "The life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body"      2 Corinthians 4:10**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. What is the life of a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ?
2. Many do not have a full understanding of this doctrine
3. We need to have a full comprehension of this vital doctrine

### **WE HAVE A GREAT MINISTRY ENTRUSTED TO US**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

<sup>2</sup>But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

<sup>3</sup>But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

<sup>4</sup>whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

<sup>5</sup>For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

<sup>6</sup>For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

1. We have a great Ministry
2. We have the Mercy of God too
3. Appropriate Response
  - a) We do not lose heart
  - b) We renounce all that is wrong and shameful
  - c) We manifest the truth
  - d) We are bondservants of the Lord

e) We are to shine and reflect the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

### **WE HAVE A GREAT TREASURE**

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

<sup>8</sup> *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;

<sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

<sup>10</sup> always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

<sup>11</sup> For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

<sup>12</sup> So then death is working in us, but life in you.

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

1. We have a Great Treasure indeed
2. We have but earthen vessels to carry this Great Treasure
3. That the Power may be of God and not of us
4. A tremendous example to emulate
  - a) We are hard-pressed on every side,  
yet not crushed;
  - b) We are perplexed,  
but not in despair;
  - c) Persecuted  
but not forsaken
  - d) Struck down  
But not destroyed

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

### **WE HAVE THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH**

<sup>13</sup> And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

<sup>14</sup> knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present *us* with you.

<sup>15</sup> For all things *are* for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:13-15

### **1. We have the same spirit of faith**

- a) The saints of the Old Testament
- b) The saints of the New Testament
  - i) We believe
  - ii) Therefore we speak

### **2. We believe in the Resurrection**

- a) This life is not everything
- b) We have a glorious and certain Hope
- c) We have the Grace of God that can be shared freely

### **3. We affirm that we desire to see God glorified**

- a) Let there be thanksgiving
- b) May we always seek the glory of God

### **4. The Prayer of the Lord Jesus**

<sup>4</sup> I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

<sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 17:4-5

- a) "I have glorified You. I have finished the work You have given Me"
- b) "Glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You"
- c) The Saviour's focus was on glorifying God the Father

## **WE DO NOT LOSE HEART**

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.

<sup>17</sup> For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

1. We do not lose heart
2. The outward man is perishing
3. But the inward man is being renewed day by day
4. The afflictions we have in life are “light”
5. They work in us a far more exceeding weight of glory

## **PERFECTING HOLINESS**

<sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

<sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup> We love Him because He first loved us.

<sup>20</sup> If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

<sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

1 John 4:17-21

1. Holiness is to be found in the realm of Love
2. The Love of God given to us needs to be Perfected
3. There is no fear in love for Perfect Love casts out fear
4. This is a commandment from the Lord that we love one another      John 13:34-35

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

### 1. Things that need Perfecting

- a) Our Faith
- b) Our Knowledge
- c) Our Holiness
- d) Our Love
- e) Our Character

### 2. Things we can do

- a) Seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness
- b) Seek the Lord and cultivate a strong Faith relationship with Him
- c) Encourage each other through godly fellowship