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2 Corinthians 3, 4, 5

Again we will work through 3 chapters. There are several key verses about our lives as followers of Christ Jesus that we can pull from these 3 chapters in Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth.

2 Corinthians 3

4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Since we have this confidence by the Holy Spirit, how should act when confronted by unbelievers?

11 For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory. 12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold,

How would you describe the glory of God to an unbeliever or a new believer? How does that glory reflect through us?

16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

What is this freedom that we have when the Spirit of the Lord is present?

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

We must not tamper with God's Word. Those who choose to stay blind to the truth will not see the light. They will walk in darkness.

How do we keep shining in places of darkness?

8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

Can we serve God as followers of Christ Jesus and not suffer constant affliction?

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

How do we handle affliction that does not seem so light to us?

2 Corinthians 5:1-9

We have a building where our souls will reside that is not made by earthly hands. When we are in this earthly body we are absent from Christ Jesus but in our heavenly bodies we will be with Christ Jesus. We all must stand in judgment for what we did or did not do while in our earthly bodies.

With so many doctrines and religious beliefs in this world, how do we stay true to Christ Jesus?

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

In what ways does Christ Jesus make us “new”?
