

2 Corinthians 4

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4 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; (We will carry our ministry through. We will help others to also achieve their own ministry)

²But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, 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. (Many preachers are in it for the money. They push traditions of men, instead of teaching the Word of God. They do that to enrich themselves. They tell people whatever they think that they want to hear; and then collect the tithes)

³But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: (The non-believers are still lost - spiritually)

NOTE: (The mystery that Paul speaks of is the three earth ages – why we are here)

⁴In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (The god of this world is Satan)

(Christ is the image of God because He is God in the flesh. Jesus said – If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father) John-14:9

(In the First Age, God said to us – Let us create man in our image. HE created Jesus in His image as we created our flesh bodies in our image. That began the Second Age – the Age of flesh and of testing. Do we follow God or do we follow the ways of the world? That's the test)

⁵For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. (Paul worked for the glory of Jesus Christ, not for his own glory. That's why his ministry was so successful. God blessed it)

⁶For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of

God in the face of Jesus Christ. (All wisdom comes from God)

Proverbs-2:6-8

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. (God does the work, we just carry it forth. God protects His people against the evils of this world)

⁸ We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; (Christians are constantly under attack from haters, but we don't let it bother us. God gives us the victory)

⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; (cast down = katabole <Greek> – this word is the same word that is utilized in Revelation for Satan's rebellion & his overthrow. That ended the First Age. He was cast down and he will be destroyed before the Third Age begins)

NOTE: (Today, Muslims, communists and Hindus are the greatest persecutors of Christians. Two cult religions and a bunch of atheists)

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. (They murdered Jesus on the cross, but He resurrected to destroy death. You cannot kill God, in the flesh or otherwise. HIS light shines forth in true Christians; as a beacon to others who are stumbling around in spiritual darkness)

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. (Even in these flesh bodies, the power of God is in us to carry forth the Word of God to others who want to receive it. Christianity is voluntary, unlike the cult religions in the world today)

NOTE: (Muslims and Hindus say join us or die. Both are cults for conquest)

¹² So then death worketh in us, but life in you. (Paul was threatened with death throughout his ministry; but he brought people an eternal spiritual life in God's Word)

¹³We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; **Psalms-116:10 (I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted)**

¹⁴Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. **(Upon death, our spirit instantly returns to God in Paradise) Ecclesiastes-12:7**

Luke-16 (Both Lazarus and the rich man are in Paradise)

(No one has died yet. Some will die if they fail on Judgment Day. Until then, all people are alive, either here on earth or in Paradise)

¹⁵For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. **(Paul's service to God by his ministry was for the sake of the people who wanted to receive God's salvation. It was not for himself)**

¹⁶For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. **(Though the flesh body dies, our spirit lives on)**

¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; **(The little suffering in this short flesh life will be rewarded by great gifts in the next life, which is eternal)**

¹⁸While 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. **(A short flesh life in this world, when compared to an eternal spiritual life with God, is insignificant. This life is nothing compared to what is waiting for us in Paradise)**