

# Ambassadors for Christ

2 Corinthians 4:16 – 6:10

Trinity Bible Church - Adult Sunday School Class  
“Paul’s Letters to the Church at Corinth” – Lesson 15  
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# Introduction

- ◇ 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians: Review
  - ◇ Introduction (1:1-11)
  - ◇ Paul's change of plans explained (1:12- 2:17)
  - ◇ Paul's Ministry (3:1 - 6:10)
    - ◇ The ministry of the New covenant (3:1 – 4:15)
    - ◇ The encouragement in ministry trials (4:16 – 5:10)
    - ◇ The ambassadors of the gospel message (5:11 – 6:10)
- ◇ Paul persecuted (2 Cor. 11:23-28)
  - ◇ Physical persecution of the greatest degree
  - ◇ Hardships from the elements
  - ◇ Constant motherly anxiety for his children in the Gospel

# Comfort in Affliction

- ◇ Torn down yet built up (16)
- ◇ Afflictions and the coming glory (17-18)
  - ◇ Our afflictions are **light** and **temporary**
  - ◇ Our coming glory is **weighty** and **eternal**
- ◇ Afflictions and the Resurrection (5:1-5)
  - ◇ The Comfort: To be absent from the body is to be present with Christ (1)
  - ◇ The Hope: We will be clothed with glory at Christ's return (2-4)
  - ◇ The Assurance: The Spirit dwelling in us (5)

# Comfort in Affliction

- ◇ Ministry and Judgment (7-10)
  - ◇ All in Christ will stand in Judgment (10)
  - ◇ All should strive to please God (9)
  
- ◇ How do we walk in a way that pleases the Lord? (Heb. 11:6)
  - ◇ We walk by faith (7)
  - ◇ We diligently seek after Him (1 John 2:5)
    - ◇ We walk in holiness (1 Pet. 1:16)
    - ◇ We walk in love (1 John 4:7-11)
    - ◇ We abound in good works (Eph 2: 10)

# Ambassadors of the Gospel

- ◇ Election of the Ambassadors (5:11-19)
  - ◇ Foundation: The love of Christ to us manifested in His sacrificial death (14)
  - ◇ Result: We are made a new creation. Called to walk in accordance with our new nature (15-17)
  - ◇ Implication: We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation (18-19)
- ◇ Conduct of the Ambassadors (6: 3-10)
  - ◇ We show ourselves to be God's servants by...
    - ◇ Enduring great persecution and hardship (4-5)
    - ◇ Walking in the fruit of the Spirit (6-7)
- ◇ Message of the Ambassadors (5:20- 6:2)
  - ◇ Be reconciled to God