

Christ's Sustaining Power in Us - 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

I. The Power of God Sustains Us, v. 7-9

A. God's presence in weak people, v. 7

B. Christ's power sustains us, v. 8-9

1. He delivers us from distress
2. He saves us from despair
3. He never forsakes us
4. He protects us from destruction

II. The Spirit of Dying Daily, v. 10-12

A. Dying to self means remembering Christ daily, v. 10

B. Dying to self means representing Christ daily, v. 10

C. Dying to self means denying our flesh daily, v. 11-12

III. The Spirit of Faith v.12-15

A. The same faith as Old Testament saints, v. 13

B. The hope of the resurrection, v. 14

C. The benefit of others, v. 15

IV. The Object of Our Faith, v. 16-18

A. Those depending on faith do not faint, v. 16

B. We don't lose heart when we embrace God's power, v. 16b

C. We don't lose heart because of our perspective, v. 17-18

- How can you remind yourself of God's presence in your life when you feel like a 'vessel of clay'?
- How can you actively fight against the temptations and fleshly struggles you are vulnerable to?
- Which of these descriptions properly expresses the struggle in your own life? (hard-pressed, perplexed, persecuted, or struck down)
- What motivates you to stay hopeful and not lose heart during difficult times?

Next Week: 2 Cor. 5:1-10