

Studies in

2 Corinthians



Lesson VII

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (NKJV)

13 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, **14** knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. **15** For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Seeing the Invisible

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. **17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, **18** while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do "believing" and "speaking" go hand-in-hand when it comes to our faith in Jesus? (vs. 13)

2. What motivates us to keep on believing and speaking about Jesus? (vs. 14)

3. When the grace of God spreads like wildfire from heart to heart in the Lord's church, what is the outcome? (vs. 15)

4. Why don't we "lose heart" when we hit those pot-holes of life? (vs. 16)

5. How is your inward man "renewed day by day"? (vs. 16c; see Romans 12:2; Colossians 3:9-11; Titus 3:5; 1 John 1:9)

6. What is our "light affliction" accomplishing in our lives (vs. 17)?

7. How do we keep our perspective in the middle of a stressful, trying situation? (vs. 18)

8. What is Paul referring to when he speaks of "the things which are seen" and "the things which are not seen"? (vs. 18)