

## **GREENFOREST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Wednesday Corporate Virtual Bible Study via ZOOM (6/2/20)

### **“What Christians NEED to remember!” - II Corinthians 4**

With so much going on in the world, it is important for believers to watch and pray. Furthermore, it is important to know safety precautions to minimize exposure to COVID19 and know the reasons why people are protesting all around America. **However, believers NEED to know how to represent God amidst protests, persecution, and in a pandemic.**

#### **I. What was CORINTH?**

1. A prosperous peninsula city in Greece that worshipped many gods.

#### **II. Who was SAUL/PAUL?**

1. **Member** of the Pharisees (Acts 23:6)
2. **Murder** accomplice and persecutor of Christians (Acts 8:1-3)
3. **Minister** for Christ after meeting Jesus in Damascus (Acts 9:10-19)
4. **Major** contributing writer to the N.T. (2 Thessalonians 3:17)
5. **Messenger** to Gentiles (Galatians 2:6-9)
6. **Missionary** throughout the Asia Minor (Romans 15:12)
7. **Mentor** to Silas, John, Barnabas, Timothy, Titus (I Timothy 1:2)
8. **Maker** of tents (Acts 18:1-4)
9. **Miracle** worker (Acts 14:8-10)
10. **Model** for how to handle adversity (2 Corinthians 11:25)
11. **Mouthpiece** for God in challenging times (Acts 17:2)
12. **Martyr** and beheaded (it is believed) by Nero

#### **III. What MAIN POINTS do we NEED to know 2 Cor. Ch 4?**

##### **1) We NEED NOT FAINT (v.1)**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

##### **2) We NEED TO REJECT EVIL (v.2)**

<sup>2</sup>But 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.

##### **3) We NEED TO KNOW SATAN IS REAL (v.3-5)**

<sup>3</sup>But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: <sup>4</sup>In 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.

##### **4) We NEED TO PREACH JESUS (v.5)**

<sup>5</sup>For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

##### **5) We NEED TO BE LIGHT ADMIST DARKNESS (v.6)**

<sup>6</sup>For 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.

##### **6) We NEED TO RELY ON THE POWER OF GOD (v.7)**

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

##### **7) We NEED NOT FEEL DEFEATED (v.8-9)**

<sup>8</sup>We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed

##### **8) We NEED JESUS TO WORK IN US (v.10-12)**

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

##### **9) We NEED TO HAVE THE SAME FAITH (v.13-15)**

<sup>13</sup>We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; <sup>14</sup>Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. <sup>15</sup>For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

##### **10) We NEED GOD TO BE GLORIFIED (v.16-18)**

<sup>16</sup>For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; <sup>18</sup>While 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.