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Title: Persecuted, but not forsaken

2 Corinthians 4:7-14

Last week:

- Satan has blinded many, but Christ the Lord removes the veil
- Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in Christ
- A light shined brighter than the sun

Earthen vessels (2 Corinthians 4:7) means Paul understood the temporary nature of our bodies. What we do is because of the strength and power God gave us, and God is eternal.

Our adequacy comes from God, and
Paul made a similar point earlier in the
book: 2 Corinthians 3:5-6

**Focusing on men instead of God caused
some dissension for this same group
before: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

Paul and the apostles found themselves
in constant turmoil amid serious
persecution (2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

Any and all people who live in Christ
Jesus will be persecuted: 2 Timothy 3:12



Paul and others suffered greatly for the sake of the cross of Christ:

- **2 Corinthians 11:21-27**
 - **2 Timothy 3:10-17**
 - **Hebrews 11:32-40**

All who live in Christ Jesus will never be forsaken:

- John 16:23-33
- John 14:15-20 (we will live)
- John 10:24-30

Amid that persecution, Paul writes that he and other always are carrying the death of Jesus Christ in their bodies (2 Corinthians 4:10). They lived precarious lives.

They also delivered over to death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus Christ might be manifested in their mortal flesh (2 Corinthians 4:11).

The man that has believed on Jesus
Christ has already passed from death to
life: John 5:18-24

**He who has the Son has life, but those
who do not have the Son does not have
life: 1 John 5:9-12**

Paul writes that the same God who raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us up also by Jesus (2 Corinthians 4:14).

God raised His Son from the dead:

- Acts 4:8-12
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-14
- Hebrews 13:20-21

God raised His Son Jesus Christ from
the dead, and we shall rise in due time:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We have risen with Christ: Colossians 3:1-4

Because of our faith in Christ, we can
walk in newness of life having been
made to God in that same Christ:

Romans 6:4-11

In conclusion:

- Persecution is a guarantee
- There is life in Jesus Christ now
- All who die in Christ will rise from the dead like Christ did

Next week, we'll consider things unseen and what connections they have to very real and present persecution that the apostles dealt with. We must focus on those things, same as they did.