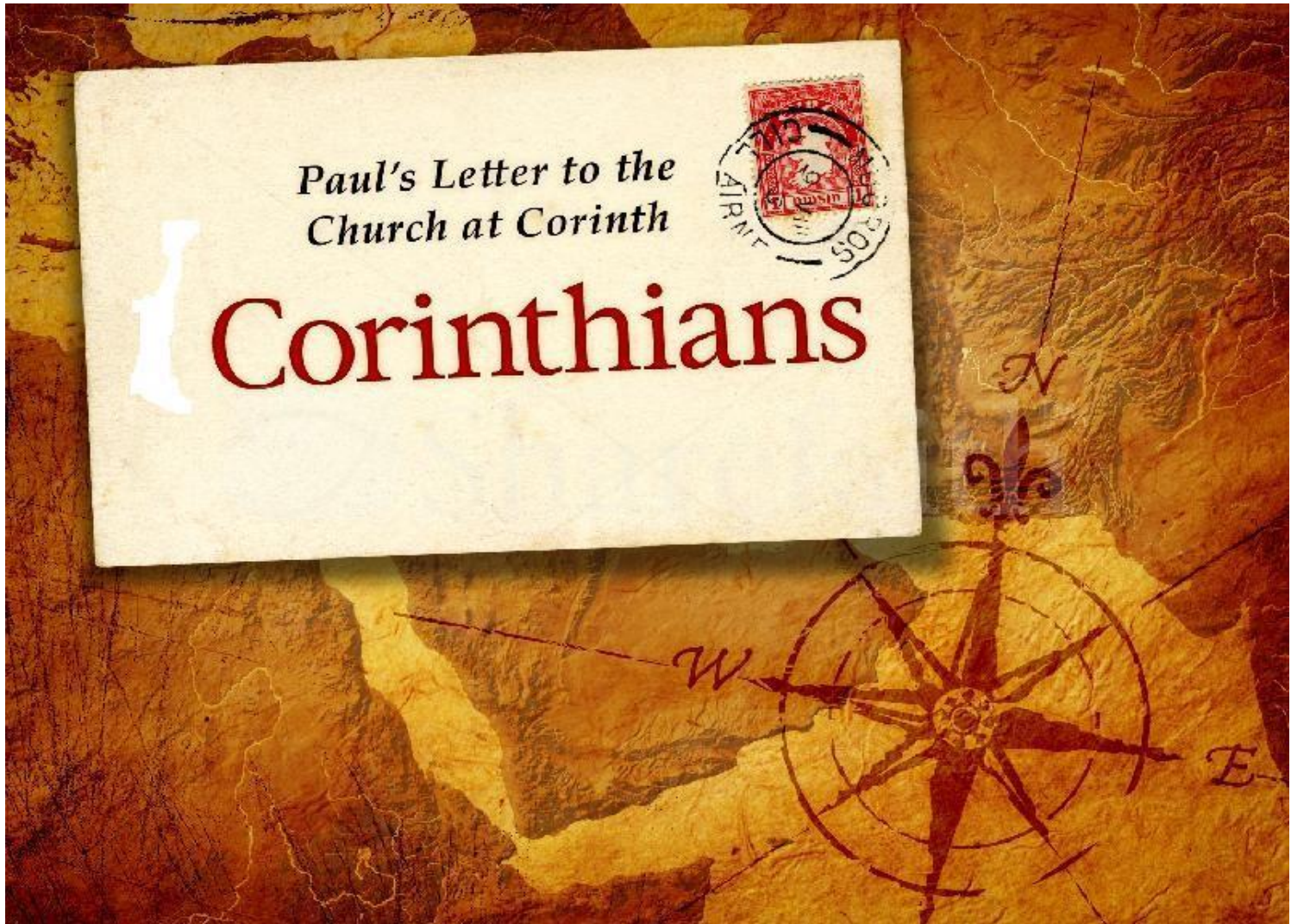


2 Cor. 4:10-12 Death in Us - Life in Others



Outline Chp 4:1- 12*



Christ's life & ministry:

the glorious gospel and those who are blinded v1-4

Christ's life & ministry:

the glorious person of the gospel v5-7

God ordains:

trials & suffering to reveal His glory v8-9

The life of Jesus

may be manifested [shown forth] in our body v10-12

* adapted from Hal Molloy

Previous Verses



- ⁷ But we have **this treasure in earthen vessels**, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;
- ⁸ *we are* afflicted in every way [*or **from every side***], but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing;
- ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
- ¹⁰ always carrying about **in the body** the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

Overview of verses 7 to 10

Our Glorious Possessions *



we have
this treasure
in earthen
vessels
v:7

[we have]
from every
side
trials/suffering
v:8-9

[we have]
in the body
the dying
of Jesus
v:10

[afflicted,
perplexed,
persecuted,
struck down]

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7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;

1st - Possession

we have this treasure “in earthen vessels”

- present tense – continuous action
- lit: we are having
- main verb in this sentence [verses 7 to 10]
- this treasure is in earthen vessels [believers]
- from verse 6 this treasure is “the glory of God”
- it radiates in our hearts*
- it illuminates the hearts of men*
- we have the most prized and valuable content*
- Col 1:27b --- this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

* Molloy

⁸ from every side being afflicted but not being crushed, being perplexed but not despairing; ⁹ being persecuted but not being forsaken, being struck down but not being destroyed;

Interlinear [edited]



2nd - Possession

[we have] **from every side** trials and suffering

- God has appointed us to trials and suffering*
- Thess. 3:2 and we sent Timothy --- to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith, ³ so that no one would be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined [appointed] for this.
 - passive voice: we are being acted upon by God*
 - indicative mood: it's a reality in every believer's life*
 - present tense: it is continuous in your life - don't expect it to end*

* Molloy

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being perplexed but not despairing; ⁹ being persecuted
but not being forsaken, being struck down but not being
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Interlinear [edited]



Trials and suffering in verses 8 and 9

- being afflicted but not being crushed
- being perplexed but not despairing
- being persecuted but not being forsaken
- being struck down but not being destroyed

In each pair the first one is to be true and not the second

- God is purposeful. Every one of your appointments to trials is measured for fulfilling God's eternal purpose in Christ.

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Today's Verses



¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the **dying** of Jesus, so that **the life** of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

¹¹ For we who live are constantly being delivered over to **death** for Jesus' sake, so that **the life** of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹² So [the] **death** works in us, but [the] **life** in you.

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3rd – Possession

[we have] **always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus**

always - lit: at all times - it never stops, there is never a time when this is not true of a believer Molloy

carrying about - to bear or carry, with *peri*, “about”, signifies “to carry about, or bear about,”

body - *soôma* - the body as a whole, the instrument of life, the believer’s body!

dying – *nekroôsis* - a putting to death

- summary: Whatever the trial or circumstance in life, we are bearing/carrying about in our body the dying (putting to death) of the Lord Jesus. Molloy

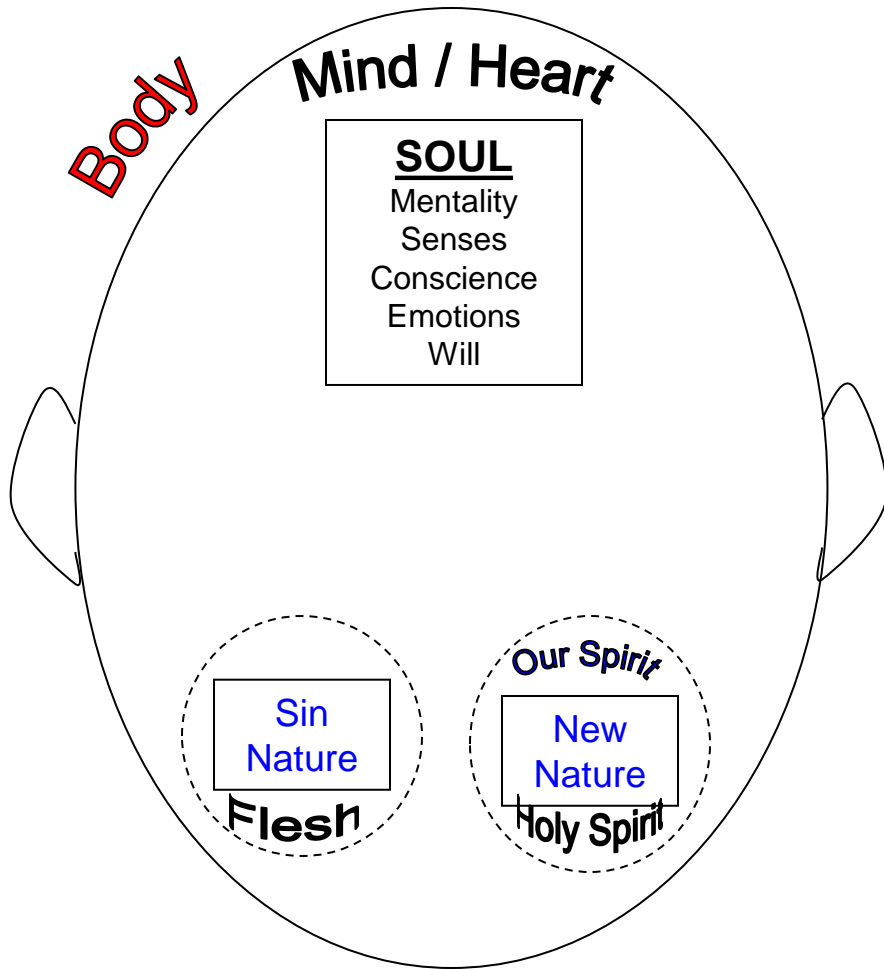


10a *Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus,*

Question: What “dying of the Lord Jesus” is this speaking of ?

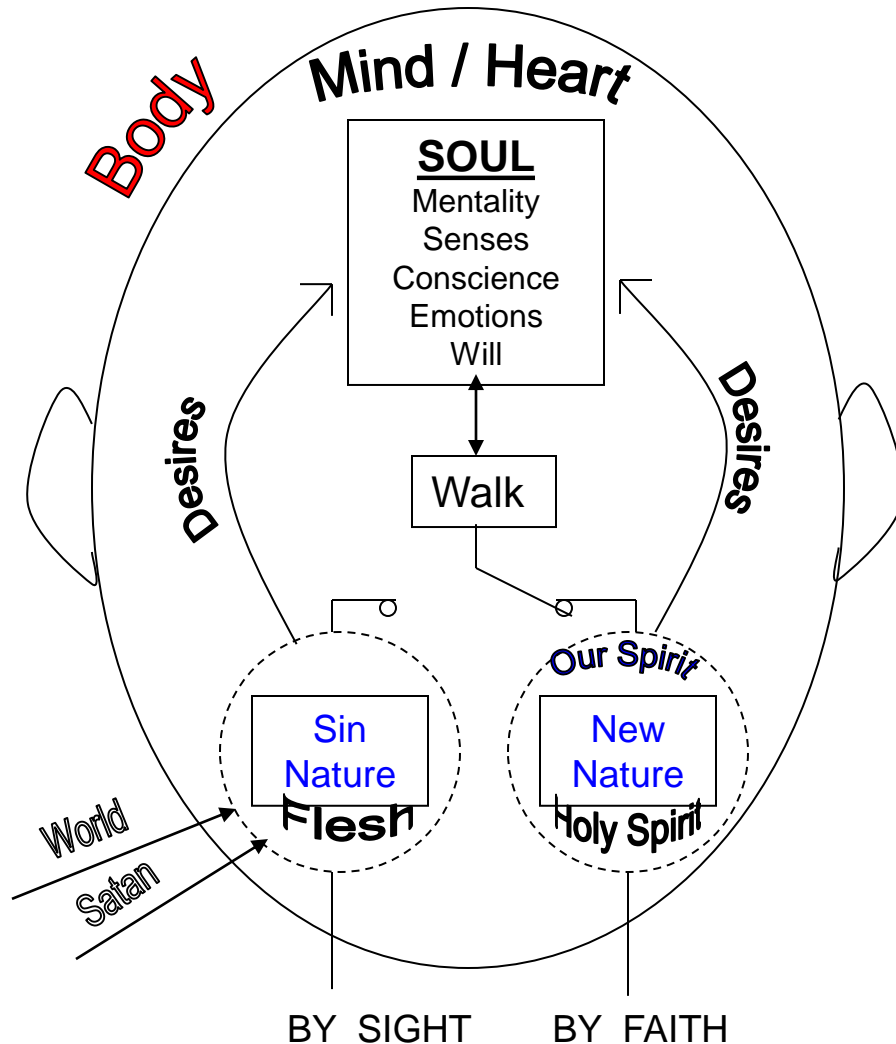
- JESUS CHRIST DIED **FOR** THE SINS OF THE WORLD (SUBSTITUTE) 1 John 2:2
- JESUS CHRIST DIED **UNTO** SIN (SIN NATURE) (REPRESENTATIVE) Rom 6:10
- Or does this refer to our physical sufferings endured in fellowship with Christ ? (Vine)

The Believer's Makeup



- *Soul* connotes that in the immaterial part of man which is related to life, action, emotion. Chafer
- 1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- *Spirit* is that part within related to worship, communion, divine influence. Chafer
- Rom 8:10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.
- Gal 2:20a "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

Walking in the Spirit



Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.



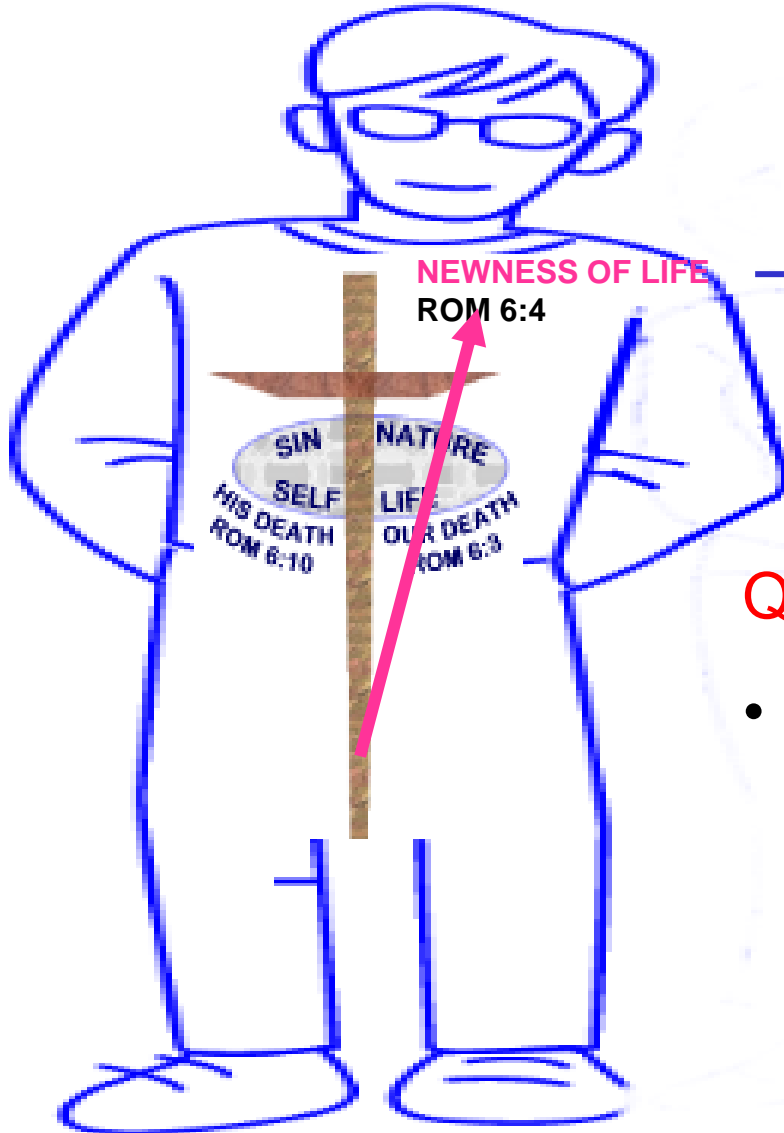
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THE LOGIC & MEANING:*

- Our sin nature resides in our body - Rom 6:6; 7:23
- The Lord Jesus died unto our sin nature - Rom 6:10
- We were identified with (baptized into) His death (i.e. He died - we died) - Rom 6:3
- Positionally our sin nature is on the cross - Gal 2:20
- Since we are bearing/carrying about our sin nature in our body, then we also must be bearing/carrying about His dying to our sin nature in our body
- This is another wonderful “positional truth” that is to be believed



10b that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body



purpose

Christ's life
manifested
(lit: to make visible)

Question: How does this happen?

- verses 11 and 12 will tell us how this is to happen



11a *For we who live are always (constantly) being delivered unto (over to) death for Jesus' sake*

For we [believers] who live [lit: the ones living]

- Those walking in the newness of life (Christ's life) - Rom 6:4
- Those walking according to the Spirit and not the flesh
- Gal 5:16
- Those who are abiding in Christ (who is their life) - Col 3:4

are always (constantly) being delivered unto (over to) death

- *are being delivered over* - *paradidōmi* – present, passive
- usage notes: (*para*, "up," *didoōmi*, "to give"), lit., "to give over," is used in the sense of delivering a person or thing "to be kept by another"
- i.e. The sin nature is always to be kept in its rightful place
- given over to the cross



11a *For we who live are always (constantly) being delivered unto (over to) death for Jesus's sake – Discussion -----*

- The response of our sin nature to trials always results in a temptation or a solicitation to sin (e.g. disappointment, anger, worry, anxiety, etc.)
- The desire of the sin nature is to tempt us to abide in self - while the desire of the Holy Spirit is for us to abide in Christ and He [Holy Spirit] constantly reminds us that we are dead to sin and alive to God - Gal 5:16-17
- This is a lifetime process (present tense = continuous action, passive = by the Holy Spirit, ind.= a reality)
- However God takes the temptation and uses it as a test (proof) of our faith to demonstrate His faithfulness and glory
- James 1:2; 1 Cor 10:13
- Observations: The external cross is an obvious fact that “Christ died for our sins”
- The internal cross is not so obvious, but still is a fact that “we are constantly being delivered over to death” - our faith response = reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive to God



11^b that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh

Discussion about Christ's life being manifested

- Here is God's eternal purpose being fulfilled in our trials & suffering = His glory being revealed
- In our trials & suffering Christ's glory is only manifested as the life of the flesh is in the place of death = inoperative, only then is the life of the Lord Jesus revealed. - Rom 6:6,11; Gal 2:20
- The Christian life is nothing short of the life of the Lord Jesus being reproduced in us.
- *Col 3:4a When Christ, who is our life, is revealed...*



¹² *So then death works in us, but life in you*

Summary of 4:7-11

- We have the treasure of the glory of Christ in us.
- We also have a sin nature with all of its desires in us.
- External trials (ordained by God) stimulate the sin nature (fear, worry, anger, etc.).
- When, by faith*, we appropriate Christ's death and our death to these desires of the sin nature.
- Then the surpassing greatness of His power and the glory of Christ is manifested through us.

so then - expressing the effect or result

[the] death working in us

What does this mean?

* walk by faith or abide in Him



12 So then death works in us, but life in you

[the] death working in us

- “the death” = Christ’s death and ours by identification
- “works” - “to put forth power” “to work effectually”
 - Others do not see death working (middle voice) in us - only the Lord does
 - But they do see the result or the effect !

[the] life (working) in you

- “the life” = Christ’s life is manifested and then works in others
- result: God is glorified !

As you die to the sin nature Christ’s life is shown to/in others
[Death in us – Life in you]

Final Thoughts *



Summary thoughts in 2 Cor. 4:10-12

- This is the moment by moment appropriation of the cross on our life, that self might die so Christ can live through us.
- The new man abiding above, the old man abiding in the place of death on the cross.
- For others to see Christ's life through us, there must be death to the old man in us.
- Death in us - Life in others



A similar thought in Philip. 3:10-12

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

¹¹ in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.