

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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Title: A Matter of Perspective

Proposition: Paul explains 3 priorities of a spiritual perspective, so that we do not lose heart while walking towards eternity

Outline: How do we have spiritual perspective?

1. Observe the Inward over the Outward
2. Remember Afflictions are Preparing us
3. Look Towards eternity rather than the Temporary

Study Guide Questions

1. When you consider great examples of the Christian faith, do you believe it is impossible to have their kind of strength and faith? Have you found spiritual strength as you take advantage of those most basic of spiritual graces? (ex. prayer, reading the word daily, fellowship, etc.).
2. Do you find yourself relying more on yourself, or upon the means that the Spirit of God has granted to you?
3. Why does Paul draw attention to certain negative concepts? (ex. outer man wasting away, the reality of affliction, what is transient)
4. What truths does the Christian consider in the face of affliction? In what ways do we have hope that causes us to see the 'value' of affliction? What other verses help explain affliction and sufferings as having 'value' to us?
5. Do you consider 'a maturing believer' ("growing in maturity) as someone who is constantly learning more and more, or someone who is appreciating and living out God's truth more and more? Is one a better description of "a maturing believer" than the other?
6. What assurances can we have that we are a Christian who is "being renewed"?