



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Christian, what do you know?

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2 Corinthians 4:13-18

13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

1. Give an example of something that people thought they knew about the Coronavirus, which is now being called into question.

2. Who originally wrote the words quoted in v. 13? What was his point?

3. What application does v. 13 have for your life?

4. In v. 14, what three things does Paul say we know as Christians?

5. For the concept of "presenting" us in God's presence, see Ephesians 5:25-27.

6. In v. 15, "all this" refers to Paul's proclamation of the gospel in spite of persecution (cf. 2 Cor. 4:7-11). What does Paul say is the positive result(s) of "all this"?

7. Where's the comfort in v. 16? Where's the warning?

8. What is Paul not saying in v. 18?

9. What are "our light and momentary troubles?"

10. How/when might you use these verses in your devotional life? (e.g. When I'm...)