

Sunday, November 14, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Being Renewed Daily

Series: Walking In Renewal ... 1

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1 - 18

Introduction:

~ Last week's devotional was from Philippians 4:1 – 9, Praise is the Release of Holy Spirit Joy

1. Praise is in Response to Holy Spirit Unity
2. Praise is in Response to Holy Spirit Guided Thinking

Conclusion: Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."

~ "Our cross is borne but for a moment, our crown is forever."

~ "Of inward renewal – "The case in view is that of a regenerate man. It is assumed that spiritual life has been received.""

1. The FACT of the New Birth:

~ 2 Corinthians 4:7, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us."

~ John 3:3, "Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.""

~ 1 Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

~ Titus 3:5 - 6, "he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, (6) whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,"

~ Galatians 6:15, "For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation."

2. FAITH Receives God's Mercy:

~ 2 Corinthians 4:4, "In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

~ Romans 1:16 – 17, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith.""

3. FEEDING Contributes to Renewal:

~ 2 Corinthians 4:16, "So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day."

~ "The appropriation of outward elements is essential to sustentation and growth." (Pulpit Commentary)

~ Romans 10:17, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

~ Ephesians 5:18, "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit."

4. FUNCTION Exposes Personal Need:

~ Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

~ Spiritual atrophy – (of body tissue or an organ) waste away, especially as a result of the degeneration of cells... "without exercise, the muscles will atrophy" (Pulpit Commentary)

