

# Study Guide

Sunday October 11, 2020

“The Inner Self”

## 1. → 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.*

## 2. Points to Remember

- A. God is more concerned with inward renewal than outward appearances.
- B. The true beauty of a believer’s life comes from the inside.
- C. God’s Word sets us free from the prison of unhealthy thinking.
- D. It is His presence in our lives that gives us the strength we need.
- E. The end result will be far greater than anything we have to endure.
- F. Our afflictions are light compared to the glory that we have in store.

## 3. Bible Verses

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| Matthew 23:25-26  | First clean the inside of the cup and dish                       |
| 1 Peter 3:3-4     | Rather, it should be that of your inner self                     |
| Romans 7:22-23    | For in my inner being I delight in God’s law                     |
| Ephesians 3:16-17 | Strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being |
| 2 Corinthians 5:5 | Who has given us the Spirit as a deposit                         |
| Matthew 6:20-21   | But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven                  |

## 4. Discussion Questions

- A. Why do people get so concerned about outward appearances?
- B. What do you do to keep your inner life healthy and strong?
- C. What are you looking forward to most when Covid is over?