

WHEN TROUBLE SURROUNDS US
II COR. 4:13-14

Introduction:

- A. Paul sums up his position in the world as a minister of the New Testament.
 - 1. "we are troubled on every side," v8.
 - 2. v8-10.

- B. The dying body of the servant of Jesus is a display case of life and hope.
 - 1. v7.
 - 2. v11.

- C. This life of service is a life of dying.
 - 1. v12.
 - 2. I Cor. 15:31- "I die daily."

- D. There were two great eternal truths of God that motivated and sustained Paul.
 - 1. Faith. v13.
 - 2. Knowledge. v14.

I. PAUL CLAIMED TO HAVE THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH AS DAVID. V13

- A. David's statement about his faith.
 - 1. Psalm 116:10 "I believed, therefore have I spoken."
 - 2. David's trouble, "I was greatly afflicted."
 - 3. Psalm 116:1-19.

- B. Paul had great distress of body but he continued to speak.
 - 1. "we also believe, and therefore speak."
 - 2. II Cor. 11:23-28.

- C. It is difficult for any person who believes anything deeply to be able to keep from speaking.
 - 1. If a man loves the truth, he will speak it.

2. This is not a truth for preachers only!
3. If you aren't quite sure about Jesus, His church, you probably won't speak much.

II. PAUL HAD THE SAME KNOWLEDGE OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY AS JOB. V14

- A. Paul believed that Jesus was raised up.
 1. "Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus."
- B. Paul believed that God raised Jesus.
 1. "He which raised up Jesus."
- C. Paul believed that God would raise him up.
 1. "...shall raise up us also by Jesus."
 2. Paul believed in the doctrine of the resurrection but he also believed it true for himself.
- D. Paul believed they would stand together.
 1. present = paristemi - to cause to stand beside.
 2. "and shall present us with you."
- E. This was not a new doctrine.
 1. Job 19:25-27.

III. THESE TWO TRUTHS CAN BE OUR WAY OUT WHEN WE ARE SURROUNDED BY TROUBLE.

- A. They are anchors; foundations.
- B. When a man knows what he stands on he fear not.