



# 2ND CORINTHIANS



The image features a background of ancient stone ruins with intricate carvings and columns. Overlaid on this is a large, white, serif font text '2ND CORINTHIANS'. The text is centered and framed by two decorative, symmetrical geometric patterns made of white lines, one above and one below the text. The patterns consist of interlocking arches and lines, resembling a stylized architectural or mathematical design.



# Pressure Cooker

2nd Corinthians 4:7-15



# Chapter 4 Recap

- Received this ministry by mercy vs 1
- Shared it boldly and in truth vs 2
- The gospel is veiled by unbelief vs 3
- Unbelievers blinded by Satan vs 4
- The True Light and that of the gospel sets us free vs 5-6

## 2 Corinthians 4:5-6 NKJV

[5] For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. [6] For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 NKJV

[7] But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. [8] We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed

## 2 Corinthians 4:10-11 NKJV

[10] always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

[11] For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

## 2 Corinthians 4:12-13 NKJV

[12] 12 So then death is working in us, but life in you. [13] And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,



## 2 Corinthians 4:14-15 NKJV

[14] knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. [15] For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

# Earthen Vessels in Antiquity

## USES:

- Cooking
- Food Storage
- Dish ware
- Common, yet created with purpose



## 2 Corinthians 4:7 NKJV

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## 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NKJV

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# Christians Promised Suffering

[12] Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”

2 Timothy 3:12

(Ps 34:19, 119:71; Jh 16:33; Lk 14:27; Jm 1:12; Col 1:24; Phil 3:10; Rev 21:4; 1 Pet 4:1, 5:10; Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 4:17; )

# Christians Promised God's Faithfulness

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:18

(Deut 31:6; Matt 28:20; Heb 13:5-6; Rom 8:31-39; 1 Thes 5:24; 2 Thes 3:3; 2 Tim 2:11-13; Phil 1:6; Ps 23; 34:4-5; Jh 14:27; Lk 12:32; 1 Jh 4:18 )



## 2 Corinthians 4:8 NKJV

[8] We are hard-pressed on every side,  
yet not crushed;

- Hemmed in, surrounded by enemies

## 2 Corinthians 4:8 NKJV

[8] ....we are perplexed, but not in despair;

-Without resource, having anxiety, not knowing what to do, doubting and uncertain

## 2 Corinthians 4:9 NKJV

[9] persecuted, but not forsaken..

Persecute - 1377 diókkō – properly,  
aggressively chase, like a hunter  
pursuing a catch (prize).



## 2 Corinthians 4:9 NKJV

[9]... struck down, but not destroyed

1. to cast down: τινα, passive, to throw to the ground, prostrate: passive, 2

Corinthians 4:9 (where the metaphor is taken from an athlete or combatant).

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## Acts 4:40 NKJV

[40] And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

## Acts 4:41-42 NKJV

41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. 42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”

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# Living For Self Causes Disillusionment

When we live for ourselves as Christians,  
we will feel:

-crushed, forsaken, lost, and destroyed.

-these feelings could cause us to question  
God's faithfulness and goodness.



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The background of the image shows the ruins of an ancient Greek temple, likely the Temple of Apollo in Corinth. The scene is filled with massive stone columns and intricate carvings, including acanthus leaves and geometric patterns. The sky is a clear, bright blue. Overlaid on the center of the image is a decorative, symmetrical geometric pattern in a light, shimmering color. This pattern consists of interlocking lines forming a central square with four-pointed star-like shapes extending outwards, all contained within a larger, more complex geometric frame. The text '2ND CORINTHIANS' is centered horizontally and partially overlaps the decorative pattern.

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