

## **Thriving in Resurrection**

2 Corinthians 4:1-15

### **Gaining and losing**

Mark 8:36; 1 Corinthians 15:32

### **The veiled and the blinded (1-5)**

Don't care to hear, don't choose to believe

Some things change very little

Good News

Death evidenced by burial

Resurrection evidenced by appearances

People rejected Jesus because the truth was veiled as the Evil One blinded their eyes.

The blinding of our own evil actions (Jn 3:18-21)

Blindness need not be fatal!

### **Light in the darkness (6-13)**

Blindness need not be fatal for death need not be final. (cf Eph 2:5)

### **Manifesting the life of Christ (7-11)**

It's not about the messenger

afflicted but not crushed;

perplexed, but not despairing;

persecuted, but not forsaken;

struck down, but not destroyed

Self-medicating our pain

We can only wonder what difference it would make if the blindness were removed to see the light of Jesus and power of His resurrection.

Resurrection hope is not an empty wish, it's grounded in fact Jesus is already raised.

### **Focus of resurrection (v 14-15)**

In the presence of God (14)

Thanksgiving to the glory of God (15)

We easily get self-focused.

Ultimately, it's for God.

**Take it Home – How will you respond?**