

Kailua Christian Church - Sunday, April 11, 10:00 am

Scripture Reading - II Corinthians 4:7-15 (NIV)

Sermon Title - The Life of Jesus Revealed"

I. The message of this passage

Paul, after describing our lives as fragile vessels of glass that can easily be shattered, emphasized the message of hope that, "(v8) We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; (9) persecuted but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

Then, Paul gives God's reason of hope that, "(v10) the body of Jesus may also be revealed in our body...(v.11) so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.

Conclusion: (v15) "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."

II. The application of this passage

A. Our relationship with Dale & Bev Vallejo-Sanderson: Terumi and I have been in various ministries with Dale for about 40 years. I was also a part of their wedding as one of their groomsmen, standing next to his brother who served as the best man.

We've gone our separate ways in location of our ministries but have kept in touch and have continued to support each other even to this day.

B. Application regarding Beverly's death and resurrection.

1. Highly significant that it happened on Easter Sunday. Bev is at peace and living a more glorified life with the Lord so that we can all be at peace and rejoice with thanksgiving to the Lord.

2. As this passage states, Bev was (vs.8&9)....

- a. "hard pressed on every side, but not crushed"
- b. "perplexed, but not in despair"
- c. "persecuted, but not abandoned"
- d. "struck down, but not destroyed"

3. Conclusion (v.15)

- a. "All the above for our benefit is so that God's grace will reach more people to the glory of God."
- b. How Bev's life had benefitted all of us.
 - 1) How Bev's life has blessed me and my family.
 - 2) How has Bev's life blessed you and your family?