



Divine Help for Overcoming Discouragement

2 Corinthians 4:1-16

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Introduction: I suppose that all of us at one time or another gets down, wants to quit and, give up. Because of our fallen condition as sinners, discouragement is universal. No one in this room this morning will escape it. Even Paul had to face discouragement in his ministry. Yet through all of this Paul refused to quit and be overcome by discouragement. What was it that kept him from fainting in the conflicts of life? Paul was able to keep from fainting because he knew what he possessed in Jesus Christ. Our text contains 3 resources you need for overcoming discouragement.

I. Resource #1 - Divine Mercy Is Granted (vs. 1-6)

A. God's mercy brings integrity (vs. 1-2)

B. God's mercy brings about an evangelistic fervency (vs. 3-4)

C. God's mercy brings about humility (vs. 5-6)

II. Resource #2 - Divine Power Is Imparted (vs. 7-15)

A. It is a power that overcomes human frailty (vs. 7-12)



B. It is a power that brings God glory (vs. 13-15)



III. Resource #3 – Maintain an Eternal Focus (vs. 16-18)

A. It is maintained by a daily renewal (vs. 16)

B. It is maintained by anticipated reward (vs. 17-18)

Conclusion: