

# Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”  
John 4:24



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## What Is The “Inward Man”? - 2 Corinthians 4:16

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, In 2 Corinthians 4:16, Paul mentions the “inward man.” My question is, What is the “inward man” that Paul is referring to in this passage?

The text in 2 Corinthians 4:16 states:

“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.”

The “outward man” in this passage is referring to the physical part of man that will eventually die (James 2:26; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Peter 1:13-14).

The “inward man” in this passage refers to the spiritual part of man or “soul” of man (Matthew 10:28) — that part of man which contains the intellect, emotions, and will (i.e., Psalm 35:9; Psalm 42:11; Matthew 26:38; John 13:21; 2 Corinthians 8:12; 2 Corinthians 8:19).

That part of man that is accountable to God’s law (Romans 7:22-23) and is strengthened by it when properly studied and applied (cf. Acts 17:11; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 3:16; Ephesians 6:17; Colossians 1:9-11; Colossians 3:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:15 ASV; Hebrews 5:13-14).

### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E  
Edify, Exhort,  
Evangelize  
Reasons to Believe  
8:30 AM

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thru the Bible in  
52 Weeks - 2  
Corinthians  
9:30 AM

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Matthew 27:11 - 37  
Mark 15:1 - 25  
Luke 23:1 - 34  
John 18:28-49; 19:16-27  
Jesus before Pilate & Herod  
Jesus is Crucified  
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself  
approved unto God, a  
workman that needeth  
not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word  
of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

# By Accident or On Purpose?

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a cowboy who applied for an insurance policy. His agent asked, "Have you ever had any accidents?" After thinking for a moment the cowboy responded, "Nope, but a bronc did kick in two of my ribs last summer, and a couple of years ago a rattlesnake bit me on the ankle."

"Wouldn't you call those accidents?" replied the puzzled agent. "Naw," the cowboy said, "They did it on purpose!"

This story reminds me of the biblical truth that there are no accidents in the lives of God's children. In the Old Testament, we read how Joseph interpreted a difficult experience that had seemed like a great calamity.

"And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying." (Genesis 37:5-11)

He had been thrown into a pit and then sold as a slave (Genesis 37:12-28). This was a great test of his faith, and from the human standpoint, it appeared to be a tragic case of injustice, not a providential means of blessing. But Joseph later learned that "God meant it for good".

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." (Genesis 50:20)

Are we passing through the deep valleys of trial and disappointment? Does everything seem to be going against us? These apparent misfortunes are not accidents by any stretch of the imagination.

The Lord allows such things for a blessed purpose.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Therefore, let's patiently trust the Lord and He will be with us through our trials and disappointments.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)

## Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Maxine Powell)
- All those affected by COVID-19
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## Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- March - Rowell, T
- April - Juliano
- May -

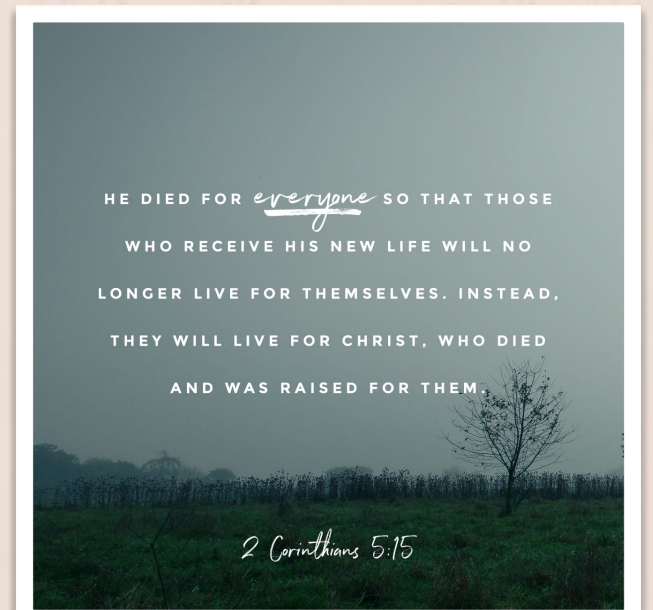
## Announcements

- Ladies' Baby Shower honoring Kylie Joiner, Sunday April 11 immediately following worship service

## March Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Mark Potts - 6th
- Robbi Cooper - 20th
- Larry Montgomery - 13th
- Kylie Joiner - 23rd
- GiGi Juliano - 19th
- Greg & Maxine Powell - 16th

Every Sunday Morning  
@ 8:00 AM  
on WTOK-TV



## Sermon Notes

## Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Shay Cooper  
Scripture Reading - 2 Corinthians 9:7 - 13  
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
Head of Lord's Table - Scott Williams  
Assist on Lord's Table - David Cradic  
Scripture Reading - John 6:48 - 58  
Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg

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