

Scripture reminds us that the perfect glory of God is revealed in Christ; yet at the same time, we carry that gospel message as imperfect people.

the people of God struggled with _____
because of the ways in which they would _____

one of the ways I can step back from
holding _____ towards others is to also step back from
holding _____ towards others

a judgmental person always insists on being _____ no
matter what

it is only _____ who makes us _____ with God!

I cannot stand on _____ righteousness, but instead I
am covered with _____ righteousness

a posture of _____ allows me to accept
(a) that I am just as _____ as
others

(b) that others have been given the
same _____ that I have been
have given

Do Not Judge

2 Corinthians 4:1–9 (NIV)



¹ Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that **displays the glory of Christ**, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is **not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord**, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of **God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ**.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ 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.

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Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

According to today's passage, why do we carry the treasure of the gospel in clay jars?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: 2 Corinthians 4:1-9

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

B H O G B E G S L H C ' G
L V F ' O V P L A I N L Y
I C O M M E N D O G G R Y
N P S H I N E F O R T H F
D E C E P T I O N S Y E T
E R R V S E T T I N G C V
D I R E N O U N C E D R M
I S Y R V E I L E D I A E
S H M Y S M C H R I S T R
T I C O N T R A R Y P H C
O N L N R G O S P E L E Y
R G S E C R E T H E A R T
T B P ' J E S U S T Y L F
C O N S C I E N C E S J V

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