

April 2012 Theme: **TRIUMPHANT IN CHRIST**

EVENING WORSHIP

22 April 2012

Title: **"AN ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY"**

Text: **2 Corinthians 4**

(I) A GLORIOUS MINISTRY GIVEN TO US

- 1. The ministry of the new Covenant (2 Corinthians 3:6)**
- 2. The ministry of the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:8)**
 - a) Greater than the ministry of Moses
 - b) Greater than the ministry of the Old Covenant administered by Moses (**2 Corinthians 3:7-11**)
- 3. It is a ministry that focuses on the Eternal and not the Temporal**

(II) SERVING GOD IN THE NEW COVENANT MINISTRY

- 1. We do not lose heart (2 Corinthians 4:1)**
 - a) Because of the mercy of God (**2 Corinthians 4:1**)
 - b) Because of our hope of immortality in Christ (**2 Corinthians 4:16**)
- 2. We reject false ways of service (2 Corinthians 4:1-2)**
 - a) The hidden things of shame (**2 Corinthians 4:2a**)
 - b) Craftiness (**2 Corinthians 4:2b**)
 - c) Deceitful handling of the word of God (**2 Corinthians 4:2c**)
- 3. We embrace that which is appropriate**
 - a) Manifestation of the truth (**2 Corinthians 4:2d**)
 - b) Commending ourselves to man's conscience (**2 Corinthians 4:2e**)
 - c) In the sight of God (**2 Corinthians 4:2f**)

(III) THE PLACE OF ETERNITY IN OUR HEART

1. We accept the following sobering realities

- a) Suffering in life (**2 Corinthians 4:8-9**)
- b) Delivered to death (**2 Corinthians 4:11-12**)

2. We embrace the following truths

- a) We live by faith (**2 Corinthians 4:13**)
- b) We believe in the resurrection (**2 Corinthians 4:14**)
- c) We look forward to Eternity (**2 Corinthians 4:17-18**)