

Series: The Pattern of the Gospel

Message: Gospel Hope

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5

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2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5 (ESV)

4 ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

5 ¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,

³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.

⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Main theme from last week:

The **vision** the gospel gives.

Becoming more **captivated** by the immeasurable worth of Jesus.

The **death** the gospel brings.

Becoming more **convinced** that dying to self is the only appropriate response to the worth of Jesus.

Main theme for this week:

The **hope** the gospel **promises**.

Becoming more **concerned** about eternity and the glory that is to come.

- 1) The hope of God's sanctifying work. (4:16)
A call to embrace a renewed heart.

- 2) The hope of the glory to come. (4:17-18)
A call to embrace a renewed perspective.

From Randy Pope's, The Answer:

- 1) Designed with Glory
- 2) Fall from Glory
- 3) Search for Glory
- 4) Discovery of Glory

5) Full of Glory

"Theologians have a name for what happens when a Christian dies. It's called "glorification." It refers to a state in which a believer is full of glory...Glorification is so wonderful that just the anticipation of it puts all of this world's brokenness into perspective...Those who are not Christians must face the pain of life without hope of the glory yet to be revealed. Christians who live without thought of the glory are, practically speaking, no better off. Sure, the glory will certainly still be theirs; but the hope advantage is forfeited, and the pain of life can seem unbearable." –Randy Pope, The Answer

- 3) The hope of our heavenly home. (5:1-5)
A call to embrace a new longing.

“The critical question for our generation—and for every generation—is this: If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven...if Christ were not there? ” –John Piper, God is the Gospel