

PERSEVERANCE THROUGH HOPE
2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-5:8

- I. OUR GLORIOUS MINISTRY [4:1-6; 1 TIM 1:12-17]
 - A. NOT QUITTING
[4:1; 2 COR 1:8]
 - B. NOT DECEIVING
[4:2-4; ROM 11:25; 2 COR 3:14-16; JN 12:31]
 - C. NOT SELF-PROMOTING
[4:5-6; 2 COR 10:12-18; 2 COR 1:9; 2 COR 3:1-5; GEN 1:2-3; 2 Cor 5:17]
- II. OUR VALUABLE TREASURE [4:7-12]
 - A. AS CHOSEN EARTHEN VESSEL OF CHRIST
[4:7; ACTS 9:15; PSA 139:13-16]
 - B. AS CONSECRATED VESSEL FOR GOD'S GLORY
[4:8-12; 2 TIM 2:21; 1:11; 6:20; 2 COR 11:20; GAL 6:17]
- III. OUR CONFIDENT FAITH [4:13-18; 1 COR 12:9; PSA 116:10; ROM 10:17; LUKE 1:20]
 - A. ULTIMATE VICTORY OF BELIEVERS
"SHALL PRESENT US WITH YOU."
[4:14; 1 THESS 4:13-18]
 - B. ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF OUR TESTINGS
"TO THE GLORY OF GOD."
[4:15; ROM 8:28; PSA 84:11; 1 PETER 5:10]
 - C. OUTCOME OF PRESENT AFFLICTIONS
"WORKETH FOR US A FAR MORE EXCEEDING AND ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY"
[4:16-17; 4:1; LK 11:3; HEB 4:16; ROM 8:18; 2 COR 4:16; 3:18]
 - D. INVISIBLE SPIRITUAL OUTCOME OF TRIALS
"BUT THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL."
[4:18; 1 JN 2:15-17; HEB 11:10,13-14,27; HEB 11:1]
- IV. OUR FUTURE HOPE [5:1-8; JN 14:1-6; ACTS 18:1-3; PHIL 3:20-21]
 - A. "WE KNOW"
[5:1; 2 COR 4:14; JN 14:19; PHIL 1:20-25; 1 COR 15:35-28; 1 THESS 4:13-18]
 - B. "WE GROAN"
[2 COR 5:2-5; 2 TIM 4:6; 2 COR 1:22; EPH 1:13-14]
 - C. "WE ARE ALWAYS CONFIDENT"
[5:6-8; 4:18; ROM 8:37]