



**November 22, 2020**  
**2 Corinthians 4:16–5:10**

1. What about life today just makes you groan?
  
2. In verses 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Paul gives us three contrasts to help us understand the difference between our present reality and the hope that lies beyond. How do these contrasts help us not to lose heart?

3. In 2 Corinthians 5:1-8, Paul gives three images that describe what it will be like for believers after they die and receive their resurrected bodies. How do these three images give us hope?

- a. A tent to a God made building (v.1)
- b. A set of old worn clothes to a new overcoat that perfectly fits (vv. 2-4)
- c. An uncomfortable temporary home to a permanent home where we feel completely natural (vv. 6-8)

4. In the past, how did Jesus Christ prepare us for the experience of death? What role does the Holy Spirit have in the present? (v. 5)

5. How does assurance of our future hope help us in the here and now? (vv. 8-10)

6. Why do you think Paul speaks about the Judgment Seat of Christ (for believers) in this passage? (v. 10)

7. Which of these 3 questions resonate most with you today? Why?

a. Is your view of death and what comes after rooted in the certainty of Scripture or the wishful thinking of man?

b. Are you letting what you can't see give you courage and motivation or are you letting what you can see get you down?

c. Are you seeing this life as a place of ultimate fulfillment or temporary preparation?