

Jars of Hope

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:8

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Someone has observed that when Paul talked about living, he talked about dying, and when he talked about dying, he talked about living.

“Touch the epistles at any point, examine the dynamics of his mission, overhear the line of argument in any debate, and you encounter a reference to some form of dying.’ But whenever Paul talked of death he also spoke of life.”

We may just be “jars of clay” now, but hang in there, the best is yet to come!

- I. Hope knows there is something better than this life (4:14-16)
 - A. In this life all humans have an *“outer self”* described as *“wasting away”* that is both *“seen”* and *“transient”*.
 - B. In this life all Christians have an *“inner self”* described as *“being renewed day by day”* that is both *“unseen”* and *“eternal”*.
- II. Hope knows there is something better than this body (5:1-5)
 - A. Fragile
 - B. Insecure
 - C. Lowly
 - D. Temporary
- III. Hope knows there is something better than this home (5:6-8)
 - A. Solid
 - B. Secure
 - C. Glorious
 - D. Permanent

So What?

- ❖ Hope believes there is something better coming
- ❖ Hope sees there is something better coming
- ❖ Hope knows there is something better coming