

Contrasts of the Christian Life

2 Corinthians 4:7-5:10

| Verse | MINISTRY OF WEAKNESS | | |
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| 4:7 | But we have | in jars of clay | this treasure |
| | to show that this all-surpassing power is | not from us. | from God |
| 4:8 | We are | hard pressed on every side, | but not crushed; |
| | | perplexed | but not driven to despair; |
| 4:9 | | persecuted, | but not abandoned; |
| | | struck down, | but not destroyed; |
| CROSS-BEARING, LIFE-GIVING | | | |
| 4:10 | We always | carry around in our body the death of Jesus, | |
| | so that | | the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our body. |
| 4:11 | For we who are alive are always | being given over to death for Jesus sake, | |
| | so that | in our mortal body. | his life may be revealed |
| 4:12 | So, then | death is at work in us, | but life in you. |
| 4:13 | It is written: "I believed, therefore I have spoken." [Psalm 116:10] With that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak. | | |
| 4:14 | For we know that the one who raised Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you into his presence. | | |
| 4:15 | All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. | | |

| CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE | | | |
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| 4:16 | Therefore, we do not lose heart. | Though outwardly, we are wasting away, | yet inwardly, we are being renewed day by day. |
| 4:17 | For are achieving for us | our light and momentary troubles | an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. |
| 4:18 | So we fix our eyes | not on what is seen | but on what is unseen. |
| | For | what is seen is temporary, | but what is unseen is eternal. |
| 5:1 | Now we know that if is destroyed, we have | the earthly tent we live in | a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. |
| 5:2 | Meanwhile | we groan, | longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling |
| 5:3 | Because | we will not be found naked. | when we are clothed |
| 5:4 | For | while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, | |
| | because we do not wish | to be unclothed | but to be further clothed, |
| | so that | what is mortal | may be swallowed up by life. |
| 5:5 | Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. | | |
| COMMITMENT TO FAITH AND PLEASING GOD | | | |
| 5:6 | Therefore, we are always confident and know that | as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. | |
| 5:7 | We live not | by faith | by sight. |
| 5:8 | We are confident , I say, and would prefer | | to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. |
| 5:9 | So we make it our goal to please him, | whether we are at home in the body | or away from it. |
| 5:10 | For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. | | |