



“Our Hope”

A Focus on the Unseen
II Corinthians 4:13-18

Our hope comes with a:

I. Confidence – “We having the same spirit of faith” (vs. 13-14)

Measured by your:

- A. **Trusting** – “I believed, and therefore have I spoken”
- B. **Talking** – “We also believe, and therefore speak”
- C. **Transforming** – “shall raise us up...and present us with you”

II. Cause – “For which cause we faint not” (vs. 15-16)

Ministering:

- A. **Grace** – “for your sakes, that the abundant grace”
- B. **Gratitude** – “through the thanksgiving of many”
- C. **Glory** – “redound to the glory of God”

III. Contemplation – “not on the things that are seen” (vs. 17-18)

Musing about the:

- A. **Inward** - “yet the inward man is renewed day by day.”
- B. **Incandescent** – “far more exceeding eternal weight of glory”
- C. **Invisible** – “we look...at the things which are not seen”

Sentence Sermon

*“Our hope is anchored in the certainty
of the future God has promised”*

Additional Verses

- *I Peter 5:10*
- *Titus 2:13*
- *I Thessalonians 4:14*
- *Psalms 95:1; 16:5-10*
- *I Corinthians 7:29; 10:11; 15:51*
- *Romans 8:23; 12:2*
- *Colossians 3:10*
- *I John 3:2*
- *I Peter 4:1, 13-14*
- *II Corinthians 3:18*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. How would you describe the “spirit of faith” found in Psalm 116:5-10?
4. Who raised Jesus from the dead? Why is that important?
5. Who will raise us up from the dead? (hint v. 14)
6. What is the hope of those who minister grace to others? (hint v. 15)
7. How would you explain “the inward man is renewed day by day?”
8. How can Paul call all of his trouble “light affliction?”
9. What are some of the unseen things that believers are to look at?
10. How would you describe the Hope of the believer?
11. What are some temporal things that steal our attention from the eternal?
12. What do you do to stay focused on eternal things?