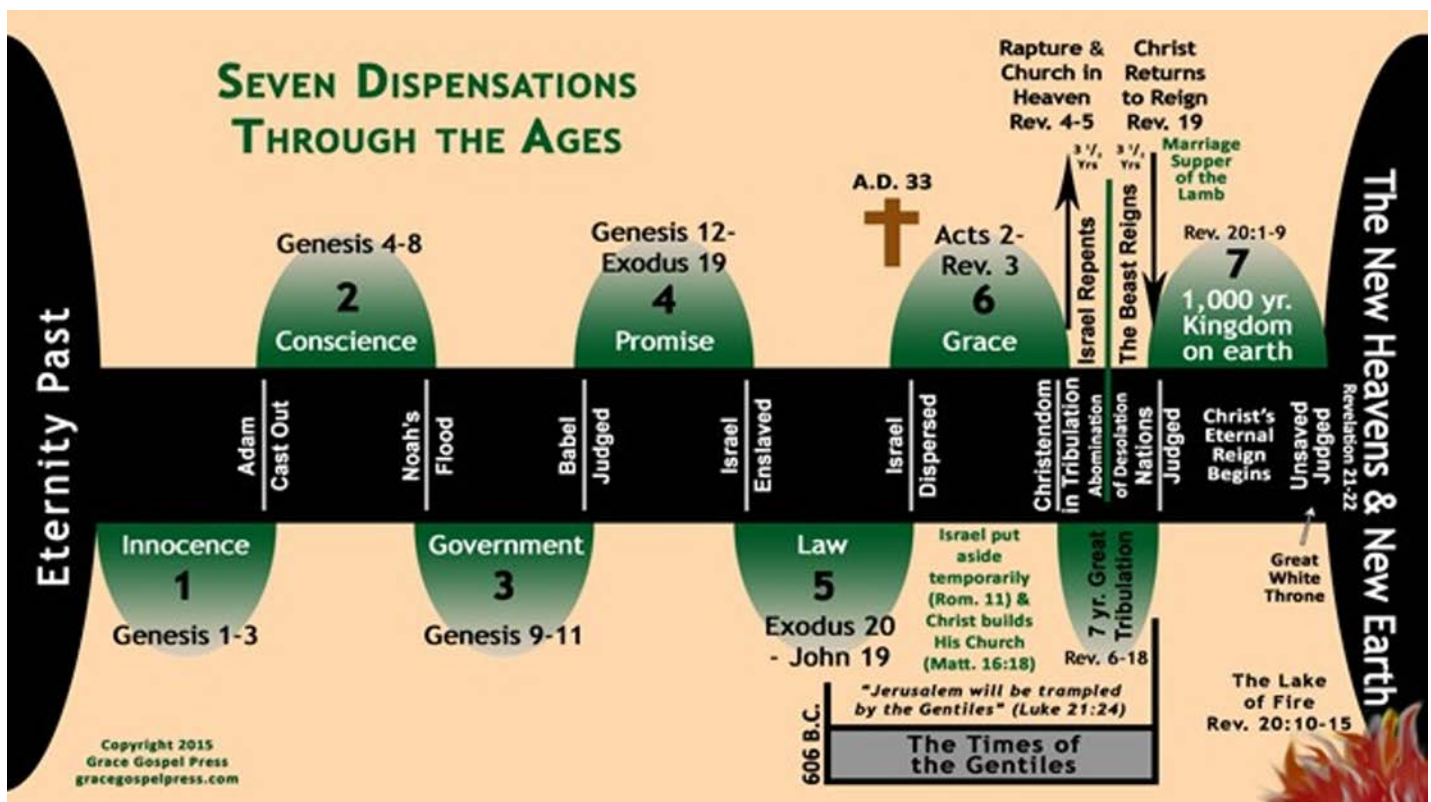


**THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD’S UNFAILING PROMISES -
 to Give You HOPE for the FUTURE & CLEAR DIRECTION in TIME Pt. 1
 (2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5)**

E. GOD’S UNFAILING PROMISES ARE SUFFICIENT - to Give You HOPE for the FUTURE and CLEAR DIRECTION in TIME. (2 Cor. 4:16 - 5:11)

- Do you recognize the authority & sufficiency of the Scriptures? (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Psalm 119:7-11)
- Do you realize the importance of “rightly dividing the Word of Truth” (2 Tim. 2:15) and trans-dispensational principles (Romans 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:1-13)? *A trans-dispensational principle is a timeless, permanent principle that transcends all dispensations such as:*
 - Without faith, it is impossible to please God.
 - He that covers his sin shall not prosper but whoever confesses & forsakes it shall have mercy.
 - The effective fervent prayer of a believer avails much.
 - God hates sin but loves the sinner.
 - God wants a relationship, not a performance.
 - Salvation is always by God’s grace alone through faith alone in the Lord alone apart from works, ritual, or law.
 - You are personally responsible for the choices you make.
 - The establishment of the divine institutions such as marriage, family, human government, nationalism, etc. transcend all ages.
- Dr. Charles Ryrie wrote: The basis of salvation in every age is the death of Christ; the requirement for salvation in every age is faith; the object of faith in every dispensation is God; the content of faith changes in the various dispensations.” (Dispensationalism, pg.115) Why? Due to progressive revelation!



- **What are the 5 contrasts in these verses?**

- (1) Outward man decay vs. inner man renewal (4:16)
- (2) Temporary suffering vs. eternal glory (4:17)
- (3) Visible world vs. invisible eternal world (4:18)
- (4) Cursed body vs. eternal glorified body (5:1-5)
- (5) In the body vs. absent from the body (5:6-8)

- **What eternal perspective should we embrace by faith in light of the unfailing promises of God? You can have an eternal perspective regarding ...**

- (1) **Having courage to be faithful to the Lord in hardships: *Therefore, we do not* _____ . (4:16a)**
- (2) **Your physical body: “*Even though the outward man is* _____ .” (4:16a) What are some phrases used for our human body in these chapters? (4:7,11,16, 5:1)**
- (3) **Your spiritual walk: “*yet the inward man is* _____ *day by day.*” (4:16b)**
- (4) **Your trials & suffering: “*For our* _____ *affliction, which is but for a* _____ ” (4:17a)**
- (5) **Your temporary trials vs. a future reward: “*is working for us a* _____ *weight of glory,* (4:17b) What causes Paul & others do view their hardships from this perspective? *while we do* _____ *at the things which are seen* {with the naked eye}, *but at the things which are not seen* {by knowing & faith-resting in the promises of God}. *For the things which are seen are* _____ , *but the things which are not seen are* _____ . (4:18)**
- (6) **The brevity of your life: *For we* _____ {with certainty} *that if* {3rd} *our earthly house* {temporary body for our present existence}, **this tent** {which our inner man temporarily lives in - 2 Pet. 1:13-14}, *is* _____ {dissolved / dismantled} (5:1a)**
- (7) **Your future glorified body (5:1-5): *For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed,***
 - a. *we* _____ {as a present possession waiting for us}
 - b. *a* _____ {permanent & solid vs temporary}
 - c. _____ {“from” - ek - out from God, not human parents},
 - d. *a* _____ {to house our inner man / soul}
 - e. *not* _____ {humanly constructed},
 - f. _____ {never to wear out or needing to be replaced}
 - g. *in the* _____ . { _____ }
 - h. *For in this* {body} *we* _____ , *earnestly* _____ *to be* _____ {carries the idea of putting one piece over another} *with our habitation* {our new glorified body where we will live} *which is from heaven* {i.e. from God}, *if* {1st} *indeed, having been clothed* {with our new glorified body}, *we shall not be found* _____ {minus a body temporarily, which is not wrong but not the best option}. (5:2-3)
 - i. *For we who are in this tent* {present human temporary body} _____ , {why?} *being* _____ , *not because we want to be unclothed* {simply be unclothed with our present mortal body}, *but* _____ {with our new glorified body}, *that* {hina - in order that} *mortality may be* _____ *by life.* (5:4) What guarantee has God given to us regarding these matters besides His unfailing promises? *Now He who has prepared us for this*

very thing {or purpose} *is* _____, *who also has given us* _____ *as a* _____
{arrhabon - like an engagement ring - Eph. 1:13-14} **(5:5)** What will our new glorified bodies be like? (Phil. 3:20-21) What does this mean practically?

- **How should these unfailing promises of God encourage & motivate you? Walk by faith & ...**
 - (1) **Seek to** _____ **for the days are evil and brief. (Ephesians 5:16-18)**
 - (2) **Keep** _____ **with an eternal perspective from the WOG. (Ps. 90:12)**
 - (3) **View your present** _____ **and future** _____ **in light of eternity. (2 Cor. 4:17-18)**
 - (4) **Remember that for the believer, the** _____ **. (2 Cor. 5:1-5)**
 - (5) **Remember that for the unbeliever, the** _____ **. (Rev. 20:11-15)**