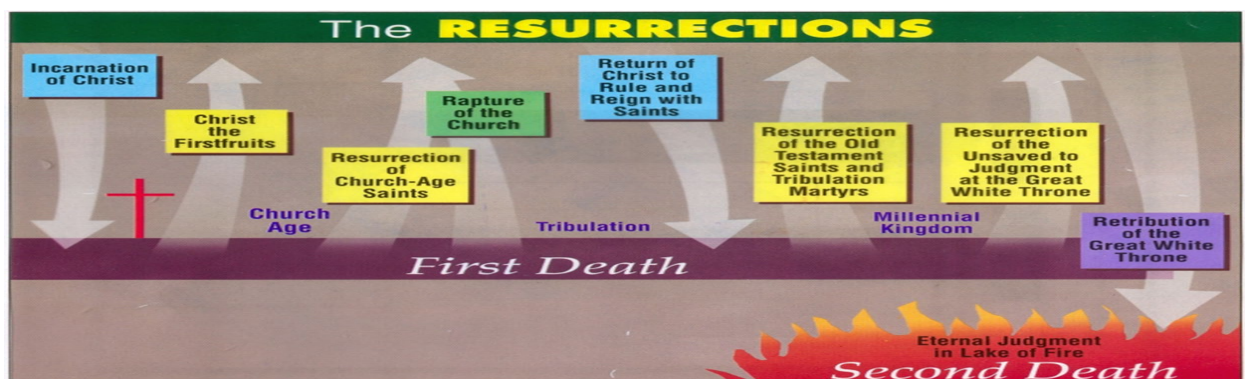


**THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD'S UNFAILING PROMISES -
to Give You HOPE for the FUTURE & CLEAR DIRECTION in TIME Pt. 1
(2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5)**

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) 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)
- (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 _____.* {designed for life in the heavenly realm}
 - h. *For in this {body} we _____, earnestly _____ to be _____* {carries the idea of putting one piece over another} *with our habitation* {our new glorified} *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 from our present mortal body}, *but* _____ {with our new glorified body}, *that* {hina - in order that} *mortality may be* _____ *by life.* (5:4) What more do we know about our future glorified body?

1) The believer's glorified body will be different than their present body in _____, _____, _____, and its _____. (15:42-44)

Differences Between the Earthly and Heavenly Bodies (1 Cor. 15:42-44)	
EARTHLY BODY	HEAVENLY BODY
■ Perishable	■ Imperishable
■ Lowly	■ Honorable
■ Weak	■ Powerful
■ Natural	■ Spiritual



2) It stands in contrast from _____ to _____. (15:45-49) Why is this necessary?

3) The NT mystery regarding death & resurrection:

- The *mystery* regarding this **future bodily transformation** is that **NOT** all believers will experience _____. For some will _____. (15:51a) *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep,*
- The *certainty* of this **future bodily transformation** is that all believers “_____”. {“changed” - allasso - to exchange one thing for another - when Jesus Christ returns}.
- The *rapidity* of this **future bodily transformation** is that it will happen “*in a _____, in the _____ of an eye,*”
- The _____ of this **future bodily transformation** is: “*at the last trump*” when Jesus Christ _____ for His Church.
- The *order* of this **future bodily transformation** is: “(1) *For the trumpet will sound, and (2) the dead will be raised incorruptible, and (3) we shall be changed.*”

What guarantee has God given to us regarding these matters besides His unfailing promises? (2 Cor. 5:5) *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; 2 Cor. 1:22} (5:5)

What will our new glorified bodies be like? (Phil. 3:20-21) What does this mean practically? Jesus Christ's resurrected, glorified body...

- 1) Could walk and talk and had functionality. (Luke 24:13ff)
- 2) Was able to disappear. (24:31)
- 3) Was able to walk through closed doors. (24:36-37)
- 4) Was identifiable and recognizable (24:39-40)
- 5) Was physical in appearance with all 5 senses. (24:39-40)
- 6) Was able to eat but not needing to eat. (24:42-42)
- 7) Was able to travel through the Heavens (24:51)