

**Series:** Heaven

**Sermon:** Hope of Heaven

**Scripture:** 2 Cor. 4:16-5:10; Romans 8:18-25 (ESV)

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## **2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10 (ESV)**

*4:16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.*

*17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,*

*18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

*5:1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

*2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,*

*3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.*

*4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.*

*5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

*6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,*

*7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.*

*8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

*9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.*

*10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

## **Romans 8:18-25 (ESV)**

*18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

*19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.*

*20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope*

*21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

*22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*

*23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

*24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?*

*25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

What are the marks of a hope-filled, heavenly-minded Christian?

1. A full and courageous heart. (2 Cor. 4:16, 5:6)
2. An awareness of the inward sanctifying work of God. (2 Cor. 4:16)
3. A proper perspective on fleeting affliction and eternal glory. (2 Cor. 4:17)
4. A fixed gaze on the unseen. (2 Cor. 4:18, 5:7)
5. A respect of death, but not a fear of it. (2 Cor. 5:1)
6. A healthy groaning and longing for heaven. (2 Cor. 5:2-4, 6-8)
7. An unshakable assurance through the Spirit of God within us. (2 Cor. 5:5)
8. A clear understanding of our purpose whether here or in heaven. (2 Cor. 5:9)
9. An expectation of judgment. (2 Cor. 5:10)
10. An understanding that there is more to come--the glorious will become more glorious!  
(Romans 8:18-25 ESV)