

**International Uniform  
Lesson Series**  
**Summer Quarter Theme**  
*Confident Hope*

**UNIT 3 - FAITH GIVES US HOPE**

**Title – Hope Eternal**

**Lesson Text:**

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:1-10**

**BACKGROUND TEXT:**

**2 CORINTHIANS 4 – 5:10**

**REF: ROMANS 7:14–26**

**Memory Verse:**

**2 Corinthians 5:1 NKJV**

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

# Questions

- 1) What does the Bible teach believers about responding to physical illness?**
- 2) How can we offer comfort to others in the face of death?**

# Questions

**3) How should knowing Christ change the way we respond to death?**

## Lesson Text

### 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NRSV

**<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.**

# Lesson Text

## 2 Corinthians 4:17 NRSV

**For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure.**

# Lesson Text

## 2 Corinthians 4:18 NRSV

**because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.**



# Scripture References

**John 14: 1-4**

**James 1:2-8:12**

**Philippians 3:18-21**

## 2 Corinthians 5:1-2 NRSV

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**For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**  
**<sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling.**

## 2 Corinthians 5:3-4 NRSV

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if indeed, when we have taken it off[a] we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life

# Point 1

- **This Earthly House is Temporary**
- **The Heavenly Body is Eternal**

## 2 Corinthians 5:5 NRSV

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**God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.**

# Point 2

- **The Holy Spirit is a sufficient comforter.**
- **Third Person in the Triune God.**
- **Call on Him**
- **John 14:16,26; John 16:7;  
Matthew 5:4**

## 2 Corinthians 5:6-7 NRSV

**we are always confident;  
even though we know that  
while we are at home in the  
body we are away from the  
Lord. for we walk by faith,  
not by sight.**

## 2 Corinthians 5:8-9 NRSV

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**<sup>8</sup> Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.**



# Point 3

**Live a life pleasing unto GOD  
despite challenges, we all will  
be judged by Jesus for our  
deeds**

## 2 Corinthians 5:10 NRSV

**For all of us must appear  
before the judgment seat of  
Christ, so that each may  
receive recompense for what  
has been done in the body,  
whether good or evil**

## Summary

**This earthly Life & Body is temporary. Physical change is inevitable, death for the believer is a transition. We must always keep our eyes on the Heavenly Prize of being with Jesus Christ.**

**AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!**