

2 Corinthians 4:7-12, 14, 16 (NIV)

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹⁴ ... the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

“CARRY AROUND” – WHAT?

(verse 10) “... the **death** of Jesus, so that the **life** of Jesus may also be revealed...”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might have the righteousness of God.”

GOOD NEWS:

We can beat _____ because Jesus paid our _____.

Titus 2:14 (NLT)

“He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.”

GOOD NEWS:

Jesus’ life gives us _____ and makes us _____.

(verse 7) “... this **treasure** in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us...”

Colossians 1:27 (NIV)

“...Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

TREASURE:

_____.

“CARRY AROUND” – IN WHAT?

(verse 7) “... this treasure in **jars of clay**...”

“CARRY AROUND” – SO WHAT?

(verses 8-9) “⁸ We are **hard pressed** on every side, but not crushed; **perplexed**, but not in despair; ⁹ **persecuted**, but not abandoned; **struck down**, but not destroyed.”

- ❖ The _____ is what enables the containers to endure _____.

(verses 11-12) “¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, **death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.**”

- ❖ The treasure changes the _____ *around* _____.
- ❖ The treasure changes the _____ *in* _____.

Romans 5:3-5 (NIV)

³... we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

(verse 16) “Therefore **we do not lose heart**. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

- ❖ The Good News of Jesus and the treasure that He is, produces in us the _____ life we all yearn for.