

Forever: Eight Certainties In Every Believer's (Relatively) Near Future

An Exposition of 2 Corinthians 5

Certainty #1: You Will Experience Adversity

2 Corinthians 5:1–2

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The Lord's Day Morning

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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. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ... –2 Corinthians 5:1,2

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, there are eight certainties in your future. God wants you to know these things are coming so you can prepare for them now. Decisions you make today will bear consequences in your life *forever!*

The Categories of Adversity: Things That Make Us Groan

1. _____: The persecution that comes with faithfulness (11:25–27)
2. _____: The stress of broken relationships (2:1–2).
3. _____: The pain of illness and injury (12:7).
4. _____: The worry over money (9:11).

The Contribution of Adversity: Why We Need Our Groaning

1. It _____ us to depend on God (1:9).
2. It _____ us to serve others (1:3,4).
3. It _____ future sin (12:7).
4. It _____ us for heaven (4:17).

The Culmination of Adversity: When the Groaning Ends

When our bodies are _____.