

NOTES: Visible | Earthen Vessels
Nate Elarton, July 5th, 2020, Compelled Church

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2 Corinthians 4.7-12 NIV

“We have” Greek “echo” to *possess*. *To have to keep*, to own He has this plural, Paul and all believer Rightfully ours

“We hold and possess as our very own.” Something already in the hands of all believers.

Treasure- Gr. “Thesaurus” a treasure or treasure, a treasure chamber, or a place of safekeeping where riches and fortunes are kept.

Earthen Vessels = A phrase Paul uses for our earthy bodies

Earthen Vessel Greek Word “ostracisms”_deserving small cheap, weak, and valueless pottery made of inferior materials.

This is where we get the word “to ostracize” meaning to reject or place someone as second rate, or inferior. They don’t meet the standards to be part of a group. (ILL on being ostracized)

These three Greek Words together here in 4.7 show the location of a mind-blowing treasure.

This is the idea

“We possess treasure within ourselves. And not only do we possess treasure, but we are easily broken, inferior, chipped but our temporary bodies are themselves the treasure chamber where the great valuables are kept.”

Why Did God deposit Himself in us?

1. So we can show the all-surpassing power of God in our lives v. 7

Power to save us, change us, give us hope

2. His life, the treasure, is in us

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.” (2 Corinthians 4:8–11, NIV)

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. Discuss the above verse and what you have learned about it the last two weeks.
 2. Read 2 Corinthians 4.7-12 NIV
 3. What do you love about these verses?
 4. Have you ever heard the teaching from pastor this weekend about 4.7? If not, what have you learned?
 5. What is the treasure we have?
 6. Most people do not consider themselves worthy of holding treasure. Why or why not?
 7. How can Jesus be made visible as we encounter what is describe in verses 8 and 9?
 8. How can we remind ourselves throughout the day that Jesus is alive in us so His life will be revealed?
- Pray about this topic and that Jesus will be more visible in our lives.