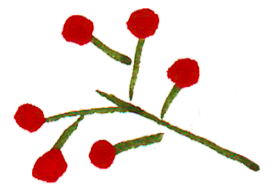


WHAT WE CAN'T SEE



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."
2 Corinthians 4:18



Paul reminds the Christians in 2 Corinthians 4:18 to focus on the unseen, for those things will last forever! What are these things Paul is talking about? Let's discover at least four unseen things to encourage our hearts.

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Hebrews 11:1. What is the thing that is unseen? _____
Our foundation for our lives is not found in something tangible. How can we stand firm when ministry is hard? _____ What does Romans 10:17 and Hebrews 11:6 say about faith? _____

2. Read Romans 8:24-25. What is unseen in this passage? _____ We can live our daily lives because of something in the future. What is the difference between "hoping something will happen" and "knowing something will happen"? _____
_____ Which do we have according to Hebrews 11:1? _____ How is this an encouragement? _____

3. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:16. What did Jesus give us (two things) according to this verse? _____ and _____. Comfort isn't something we can see, but how valuable is it in our lives? _____
_____ How does Jesus give us comfort? _____

4. Read Matthew 25:46 and I John 2:16-17; 25. What is waiting for us at the end of this life? _____ Is this something we can see right now? _____ What does it mean we have eternal life? _____
_____ How does keeping an eternal perspective change your view of your life right now? _____

Oh Lord, I lift my burdens to you, knowing you hear my cry. You are always listening, and I take great comfort in knowing you will not only listen, but respond. I give you praise for your loving kindnesses and mercy towards me! Amen.

