

We Have This Treasure
In Earthen Vessels Part 1

Earthen Vessels

Overview: But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us (2 Cor 4:7). God has uniquely created us a spiritual being in a material body. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. He designed us as earthen vessels filled with an amazing treasure of God's glory which is to be manifested to other earthen vessels so they too can receive this amazing treasure.

A. Why Earthen Vessels?

1. Adam was formed of the dust of the ground, hence earthen vessel. Gen 2:7a
2. God breathed in him and he became a LIVING soul. Created to live forever. Gen 2:7b
3. Authority on the Earth having a body. Gen 1:26-28
4. Adam had a glorified body. Gen 3:7
5. Adam had a perfect body immune to sickness and disease.

B. Results of the Fall on Earthen Vessels.

1. Adam lost their vision, their fellowship with God, their purpose, and their destiny. Gen 3:7-11
2. Death reigned after the fall. Rom 5:12-14
3. Results: sin, sickness, disease and death. Rom 6:23

C. Effects of Jesus' Death and Resurrection on Earthen Vessels

(The restoration of all that Adam lost and more)

1. The grace of God and the gift of righteousness resulted in life!! Rom 5:15-21
2. The power of sin was broken. Rom 6:1-6, 14
3. The law of the Spirit of life has made us free from the law of sin and death. Rom 8:2
4. The power that raised Jesus from the dead, which is in us, quickens our mortal flesh. Rom 8:11
5. Restored our relationship and fellowship with God. Rom 8:15-19
6. Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. 2 Tim 1:10
7. We are temples of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 3:16
8. As manifested Son's of God we await the redemption of our body. Rom 8:23
9. We are being conformed to Jesus and live in a glorified body. Rom 8:29-30

D. Releasing the Life of God through our Earthen Vessels

2 Cor 4-5

1. We preach not ourselves, but Jesus and ourselves as servants of OTHERS. 2 Cor 4:5
2. We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 2 Cor 4:7
3. Victorious in every trial of life so that God's power is magnified. 2 Cor 4:8-10
4. Bearing in the body the dying of Jesus so the life may be seen in our body. 2 Cor 4:10
5. Always delivered to death for Jesus, that His life may be seen in our flesh. 2 Cor 4:11
 - a. Jesus died unto sin once and He lives unto God. Rom 6:9-10
 - b. Likewise we reckon ourselves dead to sin, but alive unto God. Rom 6:11
 - c. We have been buried with Christ in baptism to walk in newness of life. Rom 6:3-6
6. Death (having died to self) works in us, but life (result of the resurrected life) working in others. 2 Cor 4:12
7. For all things are for anothers sakes to see that resurrected life in them. 2 Cor 4:15
8. We faint not to see Christ formed in others as we die to ourselves, so Jesus might live. 2 Cor 4:16
9. Our heavenly building of God is more important then our earthly house. 2 Cor 5:1-8
10. While in our earthly bodies we labor in our bodies to display the power of God. 2 Cor 5:9-15
11. Our focus is on knowing each person, not after the flesh, but the one for whom Jesus died so they could be reconciled to God. 2 Cor 5:16-21