

## We Take The Long View

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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About the series: *Keep Christianity Weird.*

- As we saw last week, weird = suggesting the supernatural + strangely counter- cultural
- Today: Is our view of life and the future weird? Yes, we take the long view [1] of *this* life, [2] from the perspective of the *next* life.

### [1] This life

- Instant gratification? Yes, it's apparently a real possibility in America today in many ways.
- But consider **work** and **relationships**. These things take time...

### [2] The next life

- The importance of an eternal perspective
- "...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross..." (Hebrews 12:2)
- 16 "So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 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." (The Apostle Paul, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

What does this have to do with the Lord's Supper? Everything!

- See Christ's view of life and the future: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:26)