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## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

### LESSON: OUR HEAVENLY DWELLING — May 8, 2022

#### INTRODUCTION:

**Chapter 4:14-18 (2nd)4:14** **Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. Knowing what? – Paul and all those with him know that (God) raised Jesus from the dead and is able to raise us up also with Jesus. The bodily Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was God's doing. Jesus has conquered death, the last enemy, therefore, the One who raised Christ from the dead, we also in that glorious redemption day will be raised up from the dead and will be presented with Jesus. If a person is not prepared to die, he is not prepared to live. He as a minister suffers and bears all; continues to preach and teach to serve many by meeting the needs of those God sends—all because he knows that the Day of Resurrection is coming and those in Christ will be presented with Jesus. The knowing of being resurrected sustains us. I don't want to talk about how bad it's getting. I want to talk about how good it's going to be when we see Jesus!**

**(2nd)4:15** **For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. If we die to self, it is so that the life of Christ might be revealed in us for others' sake. It we go through trials, it is so that Christ might be glorified. Paul says that all of their suffering was for their sake. All this is for your advantage. God's grace (kindness) will help more and more people. As a result, they will offer more prayers of thanksgiving to the glory of God. The only way people will glorify God is for them to experience the grace of God. Therefore, the need of others and the glory of God sustains the minister. He refuses to be defeated, because people need the grace of God and because God needs to be glorified. We can't sit on being silent. A post on our website says: *"Don't Be Afraid To Fail. Be afraid Of Never Trying."* And I'll add...*"Because When God Is In It, You Won't Be Ashamed!"* This is to say, when we die to self, we'll do anything for the glory of Christ. And you might say how will this or that give glory to God. Only God knows. Yours' is to be obedient to Him!**

**(2nd)4:16** **For which cause we faint not: but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. Paul tells us that the physical body, the outward man is perishing. It's temporal and is passing away; it's subject to decay, afflictions, and sufferings, yet while on earth It's the inward man that's renewed day by day:**

- renewed to new commitment to serving Christ and serving others;
- renewed to see what the eternal reward will be in spite of the intensity of today's pain.

**For this cause the believer will not faint, won't give up, and won't lose hope, but will rejoice in the spiritual life; in the spiritual man that's maturing day by day.** We feed the spiritual man. The spiritual man will grow and will mature in the right way. We have God's abundant grace causing us to continue for there's a great day coming when the inward man will leave; depart from the outward man.

**(2nd)4:17** **For our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;— Paul in his life had suffered a tremendous amount of afflictions, but he**



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considered them as light afflictions for a moment, for when he compared it to the future glory that he would experience with the Lord, outweighed any suffering. The afflictions' weight was only for a moment, and it can't be compared to the eternal weight of glory to come.

**(2nd)4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. We do not look at what we can see right now, for example, the troubles all around us, that we can't control, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever. There is always another side to the opposite. Because what we see is the opposite of what is to be. Therefore, our faith eyes are upon the things we see not (the eternal rewards).**

## **LESSON: I. LONGING FOR IMMORTALITY 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-4**

**(2<sup>ND</sup>)5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Another translation (EEB) says "We know this. Our body is like an earthly tent. If our earthly tent falls down, we will have a permanent building. God has made. Human hands did not make it. It is a house in heaven that will last for all time." Paul says "For we know..." giving them assurance from God, speaking metaphorically of their earthly house; their physical body being a tent, a temporary housing for which he knew much about, in that he was a "tentmaker" himself. His point was that like a temporary tent, man's existence is fragile, insecure and lowly. Anything that's temporary will be "dissolved." Anything that's temporary will be "moved." Paul talked about the tent we're housed in, but, wait a minute —he assures them that "we have a building of God." And this "Building" implies solidity, security, certainty, and permanence, as opposed to frail, temporary or uncertain which is what's in this present world. The Israelites replaced the tabernacle with the temple, so believers ought to long to exchange their earthly bodies for the glorified bodies. The exchange means death, but then after the removal of flesh, "we have ...An house not made with hands, that's eternal in the heavens." This implies that when the earthly tent is torn down, dismantled, we have a house God has made eternally in the heavens If we died today or tomorrow.**

**(2<sup>ND</sup>)5:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:—<sup>1</sup>Paul uses two different descriptions at the same time in order to explain a Christian's attitude to death: the metaphor changed from a house to a garment. "*For in this*", meaning the present physical body, we groan, while inwardly we sincerely intensely desire and long to be clothed with the celestial body like a garment fitted with our heavenly dwelling.**

- House • Death is like someone who leaves a tent in order to move into a permanent house. Or...
- Garment • Death is like someone who takes off the old clothes; takes off the flesh and blood for the immortal, incorruptible clothes to be put on by God.

**It's groaning that yearns for heaven.**

**(2<sup>ND</sup>)5:3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. This is talking about those that are clothed meaning covered with the garment, will not be found naked (without a body), but will be found with a glorified body. When the soul and spirit leave the body, it will be found naked, but with the glorified body, it will be clothed and not naked.**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/2corinthians-lbw.htm>  
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-versebyverse.html>





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**(2<sup>ND</sup>)5:4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.** Another translation: *"These tents we now live in are like a heavy burden, and we groan. But we don't do this just because we want to leave these bodies that will die. It is because we want to change them for bodies that will never die"* (CEV). Another way to say it is: wanting to slip into the new body so that the dying body will be swallowed up by everlasting life. We want to be dressed with immortal life, not undressed.

## II. WALKING BY FAITH 2 CORINTHIANS 5:5-8

**(2<sup>ND</sup>)5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Paul assures Corinth that God Himself is the One who had shaped and prepared: fitted and fashioned us to undergo an immortal change, and God assures this for He has given us the Holy Spirit as the guarantee.**

**(2<sup>ND</sup>)5:6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:—** Paul lets Corinth know with confidence that being at home in the body, they are absent from the Lord. This is not our home, so while present in this body, we are absent from the Lord! There is a longing from the Holy Spirit to be with the Lord even in this life. First, there is the abiding presence of the Spirit Himself continually reminding us of the certainty of Jesus' promises. Second, the Spirit Himself generates those inner longings within the believer that will only be satisfied when he sees Jesus face to face. So our confidence and courage to face it all while housed in this earthly body, which is temporary and passing is knowing that this is a faith walk.

**(2<sup>ND</sup>)5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)—** Knowing that our present home (body) is only temporary, and we are soon to move to our heavenly home. "Soon" gives us faith within to walk through all the trials and problems of this life.

- We don't see how to get there, but the Holy Spirit is the One leading.
- We can't walk by faith unless the Spirit of God stirs us.
- We can't move by faith by seeing it and touching it, cause faith is what we don't see.

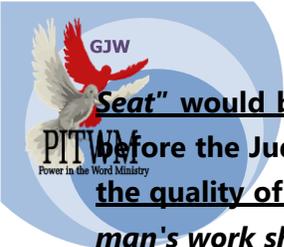
So it's one step at a time that "Soon" will come, and we obtain the promise of God; from the temporary to the eternal.

**(2<sup>ND</sup>)5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Paul assures the Corinth that they are not afraid, but confident and willing to be absent from the body, and present with the Lord.** This was not a temporary feeling, but a permanent state of mind in Paul. The Holy Spirit stirs this great confidence and desire within him.

## III. PLEASING THE LORD 2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10

**(2<sup>ND</sup>)5:9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. All who believe in Christ want to please God in this life (though absent from Him) and in the next (present with Him) in all that they've labored in, that they may be accepted of Him.** Paul lived every day with eternity's values in view.

**(2<sup>ND</sup>)5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. This "Judgment**



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**Seat** would be for believers, not for unbelievers. **Christ Himself will Judge us (believers) as we appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ. We will receive the things done in our bodies (acts, behavior, works; the quality of each person's work) for the purpose of eternal rewards.** **1 Corinthians 3:13-15** says "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. **If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**" **Either it will pass for reward or the works taken away and burned up in the fire.**

## SUMMARY:

**1**We know this. Our body is like an earthly tent. If our earthly tent falls down, we will have a permanent building that God has made. Human hands did not make it. It is a house in heaven that will last for all time. **2**In this present physical body, we groan inwardly, sincerely and intensely desiring and longing to be clothed with the celestial body like a garment fitted with our heavenly dwelling. **3**Therefore, if we are clothed meaning covered with the garment, we are not looked at as being naked. **4**Due to the burdens of being weighed down, depressed, and oppressed, these physical bodies are groaning for they would rather be clothed, than unclothed so that their dying nature might be swallowed or absorbed into immortal life. Another way to say it is: wanting to slip into the new body, so that the dying body will be swallowed up by everlasting life (**5:1-4**).

**5**God Himself is the One who had shaped and prepared; fitted and fashioned us to undergo an immortal change, for He has given us the Holy Spirit as the guarantee. **6**Therefore, Paul says we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: **7**(For we walk by faith, not by sight:). **8**Paul assures the Corinth that they were not afraid, but willing to be absent from the body, and be present with the Lord. This was not a temporary feeling, but a permanent state of mind in Paul (**5:5-8**).

**9**All who believe in Christ want to please God in this life and in the next, in all that they've labored in, that they may be accepted of God. **10**For all believers must appear before the "*Judgment Seat of Christ*"; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it was good or bad (**5:9-10**).