



PRIMARY SCRIPTURES

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

SUMMARY

After Paul exhorts the Corinthians not to lose heart and to consider the unseen, he reminds them of the unseen future hope of believers: heaven and the resurrection. But even in this encouragement, he reminds the believers again to live by faith, not by sight, in light of the judgment seat of Christ that comes after death.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Genesis 3:19, Ecclesiastes 3:20, and 12:7. Based on these verses, what happens to a believer's earthly body when they die?
2. Compare and contrast our earthly bodies and our heavenly bodies.
3. According to John 11:25, Romans 6:23 and John 3:36, what is our eternal hope, and who does it come from?
4. In 2 Corinthians 5:10, as well as Romans 14:10-12, we are told believers must face the judgment seat of Christ. We are assured that this judgment does not determine salvation (1 John 2:2). What do you think are some of the things believers will be judged on at the Judgment seat of Christ?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, 1 Thessalonians 2:19, 2 Tim 4:8, 1 Peter 5:4, Revelation 2:10 and describe the 5 heavenly crowns a believer can receive in heaven. What does scripture say about a believer receiving little to no rewards?
6. Read Revelation 4:10-11 - why do you think the 24 elders fall down before Jesus and lay their crowns at His feet?
7. In John 3:16, 6:47; 1 John 5:12-13; and 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, we are assured that, as believers in Jesus, we will spend eternity with Him in heaven. How does knowing you have a heavenly home waiting for you give you strength and endurance during difficult days?
8. How will you live your life differently based on the truths you have learned today?

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