

## 2 Corinthians 5

## 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 - At Home with Jesus!

Scriptures:  
Philippians 3:20-21 - For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 - Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if our earthly house, this tent,


1919 -

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4636 - or  
tabernacle

is destroyed, we have a building from God, a

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house not made with hands,  eternal in the

 heavens.

### Notes:

Verses 1-10 are a continuation of the thought from 4:13-18 – Paul's confidence in a future transformation and resurrection which enabled him to minister with such boldness.

Confidence in God's promises gives us the boldness to live fearlessly. Our filter will determine our future.

Paul is expressing his confidence in the future resurrection of the dead.

A tent was temporary and vulnerable, while a building is permanent and offers shelter and protection. The Tabernacle replaced by the temple is a picture of this.

Scriptures:

<sup>2</sup> For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be

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Notes:

Most people want to go to heaven, but later rather than sooner. Paul was just the opposite; he would rather get there sooner than later.

'groan' in anticipation.

Paul wasn't longing for death but for the clothing of the resurrection body which is free of decay and sin.

clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

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Scriptures:

<sup>3</sup> if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be

Notes:

'not found naked' = exposed to the shame of judgment for sins he might commit.

found naked.

Scriptures:

<sup>4</sup> For **we** who are in *this* tent groan,


Notes:

being burdened, not because **we** want to be

916 – be under  
pressed, weighed  
down

unclothed, but further clothed, that <sup></sup> mortality may

2349 – pertaining  
to being  
susceptible to  
death

be swallowed up <sup></sup> by life.

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Scriptures:

<sup>5</sup> Now  He who has prepared  us for this very thing

2716 – to  
cultivate

Notes:

'guarantee' – like an engagement ring – looks forward to the wedding day.

The Holy Spirit's work of transformation in our life today is a guarantee of the final transformation to the eternal glorified body.

 is  God, who also has given  us the  Spirit

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The Holy Spirit is a gift given to us by God as a guarantee of the future transformation to glorified perfection. Paul's groaning is because he recognizes the infinitely better hope that gives him. Even though life is tough, eternal life is infinitely better and he has enough understanding of that to desire it with his whole heart.

as a guarantee.

728 – first  
installment, a  
deposit which  
guarantees, a sure  
down payment, a  
pledge

Scriptures:

<sup>6</sup> So  we are always confident, knowing that while



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Notes:

'confidnet' = of good courage.

Paul views life with cheerful optimism.

Paul believed in the always present reality of Christ in his life, but also understood the practical reality that, in this body, there is always a sense of absence from His presence.

 we are at home in the body  we are absent from the

Paul's eyes were on the coming 'weight of glory' (4:17) rather than upon his afflictions. He could accept the wasting away of the outer man because he was confident that his inner man was being renewed day by day.

  
Lord.

Scriptures:

<sup>7</sup> For **we** walk by faith, not by sight.

Notes:

“Paul’s faith in the unseen beyond controlled his entire existence.”  
(Hughes, 2006) page 107

Scriptures:

Philippians 1:21-26 - For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. 25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, 26 that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

<sup>8</sup> **We** are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be

absent from the body and to be present with the

 Lord.

Notes:

Tell a child that they are going to Disneyland and that is all they can think about. In a way, that is how we should be about heaven.

Paul's longing was for the unrestricted intimacy with God he would experience in heaven.

Paul has no interest in a prolonged life on earth ([Phil. 1:23](#)).

Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 - Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore **we** make it our aim, whether present

or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

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Notes:

If we say we love God and Jesus, it should be our constant desire to please them.

Someday we will all stand before Jesus and give an account for everything we did ([1 Cor. 3:15](#)). This is not to determine if we get into heaven, that was promised to us at salvation. This judgment is to determine our rewards in heaven.

Scriptures:

<sup>10</sup> For **we** must all appear before the judgment seat Notes:

of Christ, that each one may receive the things

*done* in the body, according to what he has done,

whether good or bad.