

Living in the Reality of Eternity 2 Corinthians 5 1-10

Context

2 Corinthians 1:8-11

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

2 Corinthians 11:23-29

1. The contrast: The big picture (5:1)

1. The "tent" (5:1a)

1. The meaning of the "tent"

2. Why does Paul use the "tent" analogy?

1. Tent: We are not citizens of this world (1Pet.2:11; Jn.1:14)

2. Tent: Speaks of our temporal life (2Pet.1:13-14)

3. Tent: The vulnerable life (5:1)

2. The eternal house (5:1b)

1. Paul speaks of the, "building" the "eternal house" (5:1b)

1. The "building" and "eternal house" refer to our future bodies

2. These bodies are given us by God (5:1b; Rom.8:24)

3. That these bodies will be eternal (5:1b)

2. What is "torn down" is replaced by something far better ("an eternal house")

2. The Christian longing (5:2-4)

Life in the "tent" results in "groaning" (5:2,4)

1. Groaning: The first aspect

2. Groaning: The second aspect (5:2b-4)

1. Groaning: Longing to put on heavenly "clothing" and "building" (the glorious body) (5:2,4b; Gen.1:31; 1Cor.15:53)

2. Groaning: Not to be "naked" (5:3-4)

1. Understanding "naked" and "unclothed" (5:3,4)

2. Paul's great desire (5:3-4)

3. God's work of saving and sealing (5:5)

1. God is preparing us for a glorious future (5:5; Rom.8:29-30)

2. God guarantees our eternal destiny (2Cor.5:5b; 1:21-22; Eph.1:13-14)

4. Conclusion: How this impacts our lifestyle (5:6-8)

1. Confident with respect to the future (5:6,8)

2. Our faith is based on the work of the Triune God in history (5:7)

3. Our goal in life (5:9-10)

1. The mandate is for Christians not non-Christians

2. Every Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1Cor.3:16; 6:19; Gal.5:22)

3. Every Christian is gifted for service (Rom.12; 1Cor.12-14; Eph.4)

4. Every Christian faces the Day of Accountability (5:10; 1Cor.3:10-15)