



II Corinthians 5:1-10

¹Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ²Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.



TENTING

My response to aging:

Our body is a temporary dwelling.

“A building from God, an eternal house in Heaven” v. 1

1. This is one of the “unseen” things 4:18

2. There is still lots of mystery. I Cor. 15:35-58

3. Basic hope: An eternal house for our eternal spirit.

“Meanwhile we groan” v. 2

The fear: Our spirits being naked. v. 3

“What is mortal may be swallowed up by life” v. 4

1. Burials and Baptisms

2. God’s purpose—An eternal relationship with us. v. 5

Our guarantee, God’s deposit - The Holy Spirit!

Even facing physical death “we are confident” v. 6

— That is “not lose heart” (4:;1, 16)

Key (again): To “live by faith not by sight” v.7

An eternal goal: To please God. v. 9 & 10