

Longing for Resurrection

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

¹³ But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak,

¹⁴ knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.

(2 Corinthians 4:13-14)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 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.

⁵ For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, ³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.

⁴ For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge. ⁶ Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight— ⁸ we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

⁹ Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

(2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10)

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1. Present Groaning

- our present, earthly tent-house is decaying and will be torn down
- our present groaning is only a longing for future, resurrection life

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2. Future Clothing

- our resurrection body is like a durable house made by God that we “put on over”
 - we long to be clothed in resurrection life for God prepared us for this through the gift of the Holy Spirit
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3. Confident Expectation

- the Spirit is the guarantee/deposit of our future transformation
 - reunion with the risen and glorified Christ is preferable to anything in this life
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Do you have this confident expectation and longing for resurrection life?
