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Our Future Hope

2 Corinthians – Part 8 (2 Cor. 5:1-10)



Paul gives three statements summarizing the believer:

1. **We** _____ (vs 1, 2 Corinthians 4:14, John 14:19)
2. **We** _____ (vs 2-5, Philippians 3:21, 1 John 2:17)
How do Christians view the earthly “tent”?
 - (a) Recognise it as _____ (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
 - (b) Be _____ of it (1 Timothy 4:8)
 - (c) Practise _____
 - (d) Anticipate our _____
3. **We are** _____ (vs 6-8)

How does this confidence affect Christians?

- (a) We are _____ of suffering and trials
- (b) Heaven is not simply our _____, but our _____
- (c) We _____ heaven and earth.
- (d) We do not _____ (vs 8)

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our ^{1b}habitation which is from heaven, ³if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. ⁴For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as ^{1c}a guarantee.

⁶So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

⁹Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.