

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-5

THE DISPOSITION OF ANOTHER WORLD.

Notice in these verses 4:1- 5:1 the "We Haves."

- VS. 1 We have this ministry.
- VS. 7 We have this treasure.
- VS. 13 We have the same spirit.
- VS. 5:1 We have a building of God.

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Paul will not lose heart).

READ **5:1-10**

In these verses we see Paul's absolute confidence in what he sees to be the end of his physical, earthly life. He is more than certain of his mortality being replaced by immortality.

His body to come is far greater, filled with the life of God to a measure far exceeding any depth he has known here. He knows he will receive a fullness of which here he held only a token, a pledge, a guarantee, an earnest, a down payment of that which was to come.

He is absolutely confident and certain that at the end of his earthly journey there awaits him glorious things, far exceeding what he has experienced here.

Do we have a similar confidence?

Look at the We,s of these verses

- VS. 1: We know.
- VS. 2 & 4: We groan.
- VS. 6 & 8: We are confident.
- VS. 7: We walk by faith.
- VS. 9: We aim to please.
- VS. 10: We must appear.

Let's go through this verse by verse.

VS. 1

- **First: WE KNOW!**
- **To know by perception, to perceive.**
 - Am I aware of, am I certain of a heavenly home?
 - Do I perceive this living truth in my soul?
 - Do I believe what the scriptures say about my future?
 - How important, how powerful to really know!
 - See VS. 6; "Knowing that."
- **Paul's descriptions of the body.**
 - Earthly house.
 - A tent/tabernacle.
 - Body, (vs 6)
- **What about this body?**
 - It is capable of being destroyed, dissolving.
 - Destroy: to destroy utterly, to be overthrown completely. (the temple being absolutely thrown down in Mk. 13:2)
 - The very word used for taking down a tent.
 - It is perishing. (4:16)
 - It is a covering for the spirit/soul. (VS. 2,3,4.)
 - It is our present home. The present home of our spirit. (VS. 6)
- **Paul's description of the new body.**
 - A building of God. (VS. 1)
 - A house not made with hands. (VS. 1)
 - It is eternal. (VS 1)
 - It resides in heaven. (VS 1)
 - It is our house from heaven as our first house was of the earth, dust. (VS. 2)
- See **1 Cor. 15:43- 49, 53-55**
- **Do I have the certainty, the faith that Paul had regarding this heavenly house.**
 - If so should this knowing make an effect in my daily life?
 - What does that look like in my daily choices and my daily interactions with other?
- **Notice the little word, "IF."**
 - Paul accepts the fact that his earthly house, his body, will be dissolved, but does he also leave room that he may be alive when Christ returns?
- **Dissolve: To be thrown down. Mt.24:2 the destruction of the temple.**
 - The very word used to the taking down, collapsing of a tent.A

- **Notice also that Paul says only his body, this earthly house, will be dissolved, he does not say I will be dissolved for he knows he will live on and be clothed.**
 - **If his body dies he will continue on in a far better place, with a far better body.**
 - **His real man, the essential man will pass right on unharmed by death and into life. Jn. 11:25, 26, Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"**
- **Paul lived in constant threat of life. But he sees through this into a receiving of a heavenly body, an eternal home.**
- **Notice the "WE Have:" Paul is so certain of it and knows the pledge of this new life he speaks of it as an instant exchange. No waiting.**
 - **Phil 1:20-25**

VS. 2

- **Groan: An inward, unexpressed feeling of sorrow. Rom 8:22, 23**
 - **What is the groaning about?**
 - **What is my groaning about?**
- **See vs. 4: Paul's groaning was not because he was complaining or because his body was wearing out, but rather because he so much more desired to see and be with Jesus, and with Him then to receive his glorified body. He groaned for glory.**
- **Earnestly desiring: To long for greatly. Phil. 1:8,**
 - **James 4:5, Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?**
- **To Be Clothed: to cause to be put on over, to be clothed upon," Only used here and VS. 4.**
 - **Phil. 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.**

VS. 3

- **Being Clothed**: signifies "to enter into, get into," as into clothes, "to put on,
- **Not be found naked**. Paul's desire to be alive yet when Jesus returns. **Naked meaning without a body.**

VS. 4

Desiring to be clothed, not desiring to die, for we are trusting God to take us home in His time, but we long to be clothed with a better house, one that does not wear out or get weary or get in the way.. an eternal house.

VS. 5

- **Notice that God made us to dwell in our heavenly homes.**
- **We were not made to spend eternity on this earth in these bodies.**
- **We were not created for this world, but for the world to come.**
- **This earthly momentary life is our training ground. How we live in this life sets in motion our life in the world to come.**
- **God has proven this to us by sending into our hearts His Spirit as a foretaste of glory to come. The glory that shall be.**
 - **Christ in you the hope of glory. Co. 1:27**
- **The giving of the Spirit here is to be foretaste of the full life of the Spirit to come.**
- **It is a pledge, or a down payment, a guarantee of that life that shall be limitless. Here we only know in part.**
- **Flesh and blood cannot inherit this life. 1 Cor. 15:50**