



THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

2 Cor. 5:1 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.

OUR CURRENT SITUATION

- Verse 1: We live in an “earthly tent” which is destined to be “torn down.”
- Verse 2: We “groan” because we know heaven is a better place.
- Verse 4: We are “burdened” because we want to transfer to the “better place.”
- Verse 5: We are living with a promise of a better place, and we have been given a “down payment” on the fulfillment of that promise: the Holy Spirit!
- Verse 6: We face the future courageously, by faith.
- Verse 9: The one constant is that we want to please God.

THE PROMISE WE HAVE RECEIVED

- Verse 1: We have a replacement for our “earthly tent.” It is an eternal house in the heavens.
- Verse 3: In that eternal house we will be fully clothed (in God’s righteousness).
- Verse 4: There will come a day when our mortal existence will be “swallowed up by life.”
- Verse 5: We have a guarantee that this will happen!
- Verse 7: We walk by faith and not by sight.
- Verse 8: When we transition, we will be “present with the Lord.”

THE TRUTH WE LIVE BY!

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him (v.9). And we do this because...

- We have a divine appointment with God.
- We are faced with eternity.
- In heaven, all motives will be pure!

The destiny of every believer in Jesus is to stand before Him at His judgment seat and give account of the deeds done while living as a saved person here on earth!

THE STANDARDS OF JUDGMENT AT HIS JUDGMENT SEAT

- The prayer life of the believer.
- The labor record of the believer.
- The stewardship of the believer — how we have handled His resources that He placed in our care.
- How we handled suffering and affliction.
- He will look at how we have judged others.
- He will assess our worship of Him.
- He will grade our faithfulness to Him and His causes!

The question is what do we need to change now that will matter when we stand before Jesus at His judgment seat?