

2nd Corinthians Chapter 5

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In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul contrasts our earthly existence with our future heavenly dwelling. He also discusses the significance of Christ's death, the importance of the ministry of reconciliation, and the transformation brought about by becoming a new creation in Christ.

Verses 1–5 – Our Future Dwelling

Paul likens our mortal bodies to a “tent” that can be torn down, but he points to “a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” Because God has already given us “the Spirit as a pledge,” believers groan for the moment when the temporary is “swallowed up by life.”

Verses 6–10 – Living by Faith, Not Sight

We are always confident because “we walk by faith, not by sight.” Whether at home in the body or away from it, our aim is to please the Lord, knowing that “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” to receive what is due for deeds done in the body.

Verses 11–15 – Christ’s Love Compels Us

“Since we know what it means to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men.” Paul’s transparent ministry is grounded in “the love of Christ,” who “died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves.”

Verses 16–17 – A New Creation in Christ

No longer evaluating anyone by worldly standards, Paul declares, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come!”

Verses 18–21 – Ambassadors of Reconciliation

“All this is from God,” who reconciled us through Christ and entrusted to us “the ministry of reconciliation.” God “made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God,” and we now serve as His ambassadors, appealing to the world to be reconciled.