

June 20th, 2021 Summer Bible Study (Pentecost 4)

Sermon: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

5:1 Now we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal home in heaven, which is not made by human hands. **2** In fact, the reason we groan is that we long to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven. **3** If we do indeed put it on, we will certainly not be found naked. **4** To be sure, while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as the down payment.

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord, **7** for we walk by faith, not by sight. **8** But we are confident and would much prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9** And for this reason we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home or away. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he did while in the body, whether good or bad.

Theme: Looking Forward to a Change in Address

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Sermon Study Guide

- 1. What is the implication of calling our earthly life a tent? What is Paul trying to show?**

- 2. Paul says that we “have a building from God.” Notice that he doesn’t say we “will have”. Why does he say it that way?**

- 3. What are we clothed with so that we are not found naked?**

- 4. God has given us the Holy Spirit as a down payment for our heavenly dwelling. Why does this down payment gives us hope and comfort?**

- 5. Why would we “prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord”?**

- 6. We will all be judged on the last day. On what basis are we judged? Why then do we want to do good?**