

***<sup>1</sup> 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.***

THERE IS NO real break between chapters 4 and 5,

- Paul is going on to show that if our outward man is decaying, and so our earthly tent house be dissolved or torn down,
- We are to have a house of another order which shall be eternal.
- The thought of what is *eternal* links these verses together. (2 Cor. 4:14-18 to 5:1-4)
- Here Paul contrasted our present and future bodies.

We are going to have a future body that will be,

1. Divine in origin,
2. Eternal in duration,
3. Heavenly in adaptation

Our hope is glorification of the total man including his body.

***<sup>2</sup> For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven,***

How do we react living in these decaying tents?

We Groan, complain (1), deep sigh (1), grief (1), groan (3). (4) grow weary

**Indicative, present, active.** We are groaning all the time

***<sup>3</sup> inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.***

This verse expands verse 2.

- The Christian does not groan in their present body because he or she wants to get rid of it.
- We groan because we long to receive the immortal bodies that God will give us.
- God's promises of something better makes us dissatisfied with what we have now.
- "Naked" is simply what Adam was before God clothed him.

***<sup>4</sup> 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.***

That is, the power of life comes and swallows me up entirely, so that all that is mortal is lost in life.

**καταπίνω.** devour (1), drank (1), drowned (1), overwhelmed (1), swallow (1), swallowed (2).

God has given us a guarantee we can trust Him