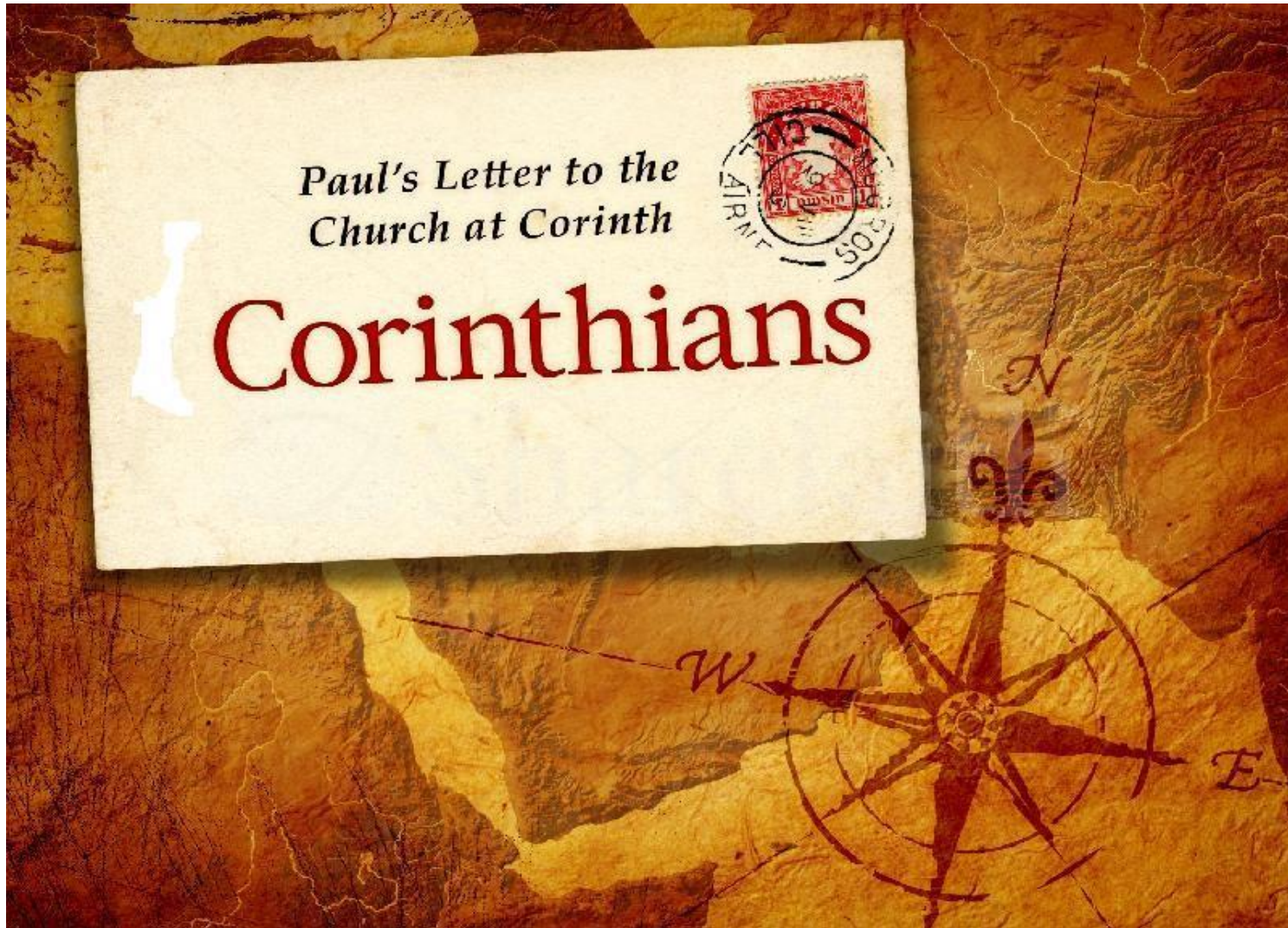


2 Cor 5:5-9 The Spirit As a Pledge and Our Ambition



Outline Chp 5:1- 21



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Previous Verses



- 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.

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For we know that if our house of this present tent-life on earth be taken down

Wuest

taken down - *katalyōof* - the death of the body

(i.e. dissolved)

Vine

we have a building [heavenly body] from God

- lit : we are having – present tense [futuristic] – 1John 5:13
- This is a present possession of a future reality.*
- This is a positional truth and will become our condition imminently.*
- It isn't saying we have our spiritual bodies floating in heaven at this present time.*
- But it is saying that it is a certainty that we will have them in an instant of time when the Lord so determines.

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groan - *stenazō* - to groan (of an inward, unexpressed feeling of sorrow),

Rom 8:23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

longing - *epipothéō* - to desire earnestly or to long for greatly



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to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven

- to be clothed with - *ependyomai* - to cause to be put on over, to be clothed upon
- the idea is to be clothed over – like an overcoat over a suit coat
McCalley
- to be clothed in addition with our house which is from heaven
Wuest
- Christ's heavenly body was recognizable to the disciples.

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inasmuch as we, having put it [heavenly body] on, will not be found naked

- I believe that one of the strongest arguments that we will never be disembodied spirits is that the Bible consistently views humans as unified beings. Constable
- 1 Thess 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 John 3:2b We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

Earthly house vs Heavenly house*



- Our earthly house – tent (5:1-4)
 - God formed (sculpted) it out of the dust of the ground.
- Gen 2:7
 - It is suited out only for this earth and the associated soulish life.
 - It is sown a natural (*psukikos* - soulish or sensual) – energized by natural instincts.
- 1 Cor 15:44
- Our heavenly house (5:1-4)
 - It is a building of God – made without hands – eternal in the heavenlies.
 - It is suited out for heaven and the associated spiritual life.
 - It is raised a spiritual (*pnumatikos* – spiritual) - energized by the Holy Spirit.
- 1 Cor 15:44
 - Christ will change our lowly body to have like form with His Glorious body.
- Phil 3:21

There are two kinds of bodies associated with two kinds of life*



1 Cor 15:42-45 Physical & Spiritual bodies

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead.

- It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;
- ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory;
- it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;
- ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.
- If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*.
- ⁴⁵ So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul.”
- The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

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1 Cor 15:47-49 Earthly & Heavenly lives

- ⁴⁷ The first man is from the earth, earthy;
- the second man is from heaven.
- ⁴⁸ As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy;
- and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.
- ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

Today's Verses



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.

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Now the One having made us for this very thing is God**
having made - *katergazomai* - to bring about, to make,
to form - aorist tense

this very thing = a building [heavenly body] from God

- It's a done deal – God has made us fit or suited us out for our heavenly home.*

who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge

pledge - *arrabōn* - originally, “earnest-money”
deposited by the purchaser and forfeited if the
purchase was not completed

- He has given us His down payment as a certainty of His truth about us.*
- His down payment or “earnest / pledge” is the indwelling Holy Spirit.

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** Interlinear

⁶ Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—



therefore – based on the “earnest of the Holy Spirit”

being confident - *tharreō* - to have confidence - present tense

always - lit: at all times

knowing - *oida* - to know, to have knowledge of, as in divine knowledge (from scripture)

contrasting Greek verbs in verses 6 to 9

- **being at home** – *endēmeō* - to be among one's home, country or people
- **away from home** – *ekdēmeō* - to be away from one's home, country or people

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1st Statement about our earthly vs. heavenly home

- being at home [*endēmeō*] in the body [earthly]
- we are away from home [*ekdēmeō*] *when away from the Lord* Interlinear
- Our true home for a believer is with the Lord.
- Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight

- for through faith we are ordering our manner of life, not by something seen. Wuest



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.

we are – present tense – continuous action

confident (same as in v:6) then

are pleased rather

pleased - *eudokeō* - take pleasure in or prefer

2nd Statement about our earthly vs. heavenly home

- to leave home [*ekdēmeō*] out from our body [earthly]
- and to be at home [*endēmeō*] with* the Lord.

* *pros* = face to face



⁹ Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

Therefore – based on verses 6 to 8

we are aspiring – present tense – continuous action

aspiring – *philotimeomai* - to be ambitious, to make it one's aim

3rd – Statement about our earthly vs. heavenly home

- whether being at home [*endēmeō*]
- or being away from home [*ekdēmeō*]
- to be well-pleasing to Him
- strive earnestly to be pleasing to Him Amplified

Final Thoughts *



Constable summary of 2 Cor. 5:1-8:

- All Christians who die will receive an immortal body (v. 1). This is by itself a substantial gift of glory.
- Second, all Christians, including those who die soon after becoming believers, presently possess the Holy Spirit who is God's pledge of our future complete glorification (vv. 4-5).
- Third, death begins a new phase of existence for all believers that will be far superior to what we experience now (vv. 7-8).



MAJOR JUDGMENTS BY GOD

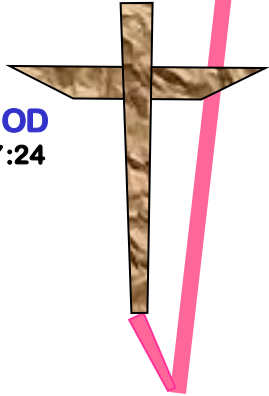
1. AT THE FALL
GEN 2:15-3:19
ROM 5:12-19



2, THE FLOOD
GEN 6:1-7:24



3. THE CROSS
ROM 5:8, 15-21



5. JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (BEMA)
2 COR 5:10
ROM 14:10-12; 1COR 3:8-15



6. THE NATIONS
MT 25:31-46



DAY OF CHRIST

4. TRIBULATION
(DAN'S 70th WK.)
DAN 9:24-27; MT 24:3-31
REV 6:1-19:31

9. PURGING OF THE EARTH
2 PET 3:10-12



8. GREAT WHITE THRONE
REV 20:11



7. SATAN, BEAST & FALSE PROPHET
REV 20:10



7 YEARS

1000 YEARS

CREATION
NOAH
PENTECOST