

## 2 Corinthians 5

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**5** For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (our earthly house= our flesh bodies) (We have an eternal spiritual body that can live forever with God)

<sup>2</sup>For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: (Clothed in our righteous acts in Paradise) Revelation-19:7-8

<sup>3</sup>If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. (We won't be ashamed on judgment day)

<sup>4</sup>For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. (Mortality will be swallowed up by eternal life in the Third Age)

<sup>5</sup>Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. (earnest= a guarantee; as in earnest money as a down payment) (God has guaranteed our reward if we earn it in this life)

<sup>6</sup>Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (We are confident because God's Word never changes. HIS guarantee is good forever)

<sup>7</sup>(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) (We have faith in God because we cannot see the spiritual life that awaits us)

<sup>8</sup>We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. (The pleasures of this world are not important compared to our love for God and His love for us; but while we are here, we have work to do in helping others find God)

<sup>9</sup>Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. (Therefore we continue to work, wherever we travel, in the ministry that God appointed to us. God knows all of our good works)

<sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. (We will all get exactly what we deserve at judgment day. God has no favorites. HE is completely fair in His judgments)

<sup>11</sup>Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. (terror= fear)

<sup>12</sup>For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. (We take no glory for ourselves, but we give you the knowledge to know the real teachers from the fakes)

<sup>13</sup>For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. (If we are mad, it is for God; we teach soberly and plainly for your sakes)

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: (Jesus died on the cross, have committed no sins, to defeat death for us. Upon repentance our past sins are like dead; they're gone forever)

<sup>15</sup>And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. (Those that receive salvation can live for God, a Jesus resurrected, so are they, spiritually)

<sup>16</sup>Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. (We know Christ resurrected; just as we know men as a new person upon receiving salvation)

<sup>17</sup>Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (ALL sins are forgiven on repentance; we become as a new person)

<sup>18</sup> And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (a ministry of total forgiveness and new beginnings through salvation)

<sup>19</sup> To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (God was Christ; HE came to pass one time through the flesh, just as we did)

John-1:14 (And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us)

<sup>20</sup> Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (Paul and the disciples were sent by Christ to these people)

<sup>21</sup> For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (Jesus, who had no sins, paid for all of our sins, to defeat spiritual death for us)