

2Corinthians Chapter 5

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Points in Chapter 5

1. The assurance of the resurrection (1-9)
2. The judgment seat of Christ (10-13)
3. The love of Christ (14-21)

1. What did Paul know he would have if his "earthly house" was destroyed?

2 Corinthians 5:1

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.

Earthly tent (house)

1. Dwelling place of our mind and soul on earth
2. It is temporary

Building from God

1. It is a house not made with hands
2. It is permanent (eternal)

1. What did Paul know he would have if his "earthly house" was destroyed?

Greek – ~~tent~~ – oikia - house

2 Peter 1:13

¹³ I consider it right, as long as **I am in this earthly dwelling**, to stir you up by way of reminder,

1. What did Paul know he would have if his "earthly house" was destroyed?

John 14:2-3

2 "In *My Father's house* are *many dwelling places*; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a *place for you.*

3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

2. What was Paul's earnest desire?

2 Corinthians 5:2-3

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.

Longing to be clothed with our dwelling from
heaven

3. Why do we groan in this earthly tent?

2 Corinthians 5:4

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.

We are in this tent, we groan, being burdened

Greek – tent – skenei - tabernacle

4. What has God given us as a "guarantee" of the "life" to come?

2 Corinthians 5:5

⁵ Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us ***the Spirit as a pledge.***

1. The Spirit as a pledge

2. This is the assurance that Christians have for the eternal inheritance.

5. What is a Christian's walk while dwelling in this earthly tent?

2 Corinthians 5:6-9

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.**

5. What is a Christian's walk while dwelling in this earthly tent?

1. Be of good courage
2. Walk by Faith
3. Be pleasing to Him

Hebrews 11:1

¹ Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

6. Before what must we all one day appear?

2 Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰ For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, so that **each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.**

1. We must all before the judgment seat of Christ
2. Each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad

6. Before what must we all one day appear?

Christians should be:

1. Steadfast

2. Immovable

3. Always abounding in the work of the Lord

4. Knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord

6. Before what must we all one day appear?

1 Corinthians 15:58

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

6. Before what must we all one day appear?

Physical

1 Corinthians 15:44-52

⁴⁴ natural body

⁴⁵ "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL."

the natural first

⁴⁷ The first man is from the earth, earthy;

⁴⁸ As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy;

⁴⁹ we have borne the image of the earthy

⁵⁰ flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Spiritual

1 Corinthians 15:44-52

⁴⁴ spiritual body.

⁴⁵ The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶ the spiritual is not first,

⁴⁷ the second man is from heaven.

⁴⁸ the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.

⁴⁹ we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

⁵¹ we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

⁵² the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

6. Before what must we all one day appear?

Physical

Spiritual

1 Corinthians 15:53-57

⁵³ **perishable** this **mortal**

⁵⁶ **The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;**

1 Corinthians 15:53-57

⁵³ **must put on the imperishable,**
must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ **"DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.**

⁵⁵ **"O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"**

⁵⁷ **but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

7. What was Paul's reason to persuade men to accept the Gospel?

2 Corinthians 5:11

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

Knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men

8. What motivated Paul to preach God's Word?

2 Corinthians 5:12-13

¹² We are *not again commending ourselves* to you but *are* giving you an occasion *to be proud of us*, so that *you will have an answer for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart.*

¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it *is for God*; if we are of sound mind, it is *for you.*

8. What motivated Paul to preach God's Word?

1. Paul in his ministry exposed himself to many dangers – It was for God
2. The result of preaching the Gospel – was for the salvation of the saints at Corinth
3. Paul preached the Gospel - for the Glory of God

9. What moved Paul to live for Jesus Christ?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

¹⁴ **For the love of Christ controls us**, having concluded this, that **one died for all**, therefore all died;
¹⁵ and He died for all, so that **they who live might no longer live for themselves**, but for **Him who died and rose again on their behalf**.

The love of Christ – He died and rose for us.

9. What moved Paul to live for Jesus Christ?

Galatians 2:19-20

¹⁹ **For through the Law I died to the Law,**
so that **I might live to God.**

²⁰ **I have been crucified with Christ;** and
it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in**
me; and **the *life* which I now live in the**
flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself up for
me.

10. What is the condition of one in Christ?

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

¹⁶ Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature**; the **old things passed away**; behold, **new things have come**.

1. He is a new creature
2. Old things passed away
3. New things have come

11A. Through whom has God reconciled us to Himself?

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

¹⁸ Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself *through Christ* and gave us the *ministry of reconciliation*,

¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the *word of reconciliation*.

A -Through Christ

B. What two descriptive phrases does Paul use in reference to the gospel that was committed to him?

1. Ministry of reconciliation
2. Word of reconciliation

11A. Through whom has God reconciled us to Himself?

Psalm 32:1-2

¹ How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!

² How blessed is the man to whom **the LORD does not impute iniquity**, And in whose spirit there is no deceit!

God does not impute iniquity

11A. Through whom has God reconciled us to Himself?

John 1:28-29

²⁸ These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, "**Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**

1 Peter 1:19

¹⁹ **but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.**

God imputes sin to Christ, the spotless Lamb of God

12. How does Paul view his role in this "ministry of reconciliation"?

2 Corinthians 5:20

²⁰ Therefore, we are *ambassadors* *for Christ*, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

We are ambassadors for Christ

13. How is it possible that we can become "the righteousness of God"?

2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ He made *Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf*, so that *we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

1. Jesus Christ who knew no sin carried all mankind's sin to the cross
2. Christians become "the righteousness of God" in Christ.

Romans 5: 8 -21

13. How is it possible that we can become "the righteousness of God"?

ADAM

Romans 5:8-14

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

¹³ for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses

Jesus Christ

Romans 5:8-14

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

¹⁴ even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

13. How is it possible that we can become "the righteousness of God"?

ADAM

Romans 5:15-18

15 For if by the transgression of the one the many died

16 The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose from one transgression* resulting in condemnation

17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one

18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men

JESUS CHRIST

Romans 5:15-18

15 *But the free gift is not like the transgression. much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.*

16 *but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.*

17 *much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

18 *even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men*

13. How is it possible that we can become "the righteousness of God"?

ADAM

Romans 5:19-21

19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners

20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase

21 so that, as sin reigned in death

JESUS CHRIST

Romans 5:19-21

19 even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

20 but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

21 even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.