

2 Corinthians

Lesson #10, Chapter 5:1-10

Read Chapter 4 verses 16-18 and all of Chapter 5 before beginning this lesson.

1. What thoughts from 4:16-18 are continued into 5:1-10?
2. What terms does Paul use to describe his earthly body in verses 1-10? What terms does he use to describe his heavenly body in verses 1-10?
3. What do you learn about our earthly tent and our building from God (verses 1-10)? List what you learn.
4. What does Paul mean when he says his earthly house can be torn down in verse 1?
5. If (and when) our earthly house is torn down, what has God provided for us (verse 1)?
6. Verses 2 and 4 say that Paul groans while he is in this earthly tent. Why? See verses 1-4 and 4:16-18.
7. What does Paul want to be clothed with in verses 2 and 4?

8. Read through 4:16 to 5:4. What is the desire of Paul's heart as stated in this paragraph?

9. Do you find your desires for heaven similar to Paul's? What are some things that get in the way of our longing for heaven?

10. Verse 5 reads, "Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God." What purpose is Paul referring to? There is the purpose as seen in verses 4:16-5:4 and then there is the more encompassing purpose that Paul has been discussing since he began writing his letter to the Corinthians (hint: the word begins with an M).

11. Verse 5 is the pivotal statement of the paragraph (4:16-5:10). It explains the motivation for Paul's *therefore* and *for* statements in verses 6-10. Because God has prepared Paul for eternal life and given him the ministry, and even though Paul longs to be in Heaven and have his heavenly body, how does Paul respond in verses 6-10?

12. How is walking by faith and not by sight key to Paul's being of good courage (verses 6-8)?

13. What are some practical ways you can walk by faith so that you can be of good cheer when you are facing difficulties in life?

14. How are verses 9 and 10 connected in thought?

15. Paul says in verse 10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.” Who are the *we* and *all* referring to here? Remember, who is Paul writing to (i.e., what is the context)?

16. Define *recompensed* [ESV, NKJV, NIV *receive what is due* (Strong’s #2865)].

17. Summarize what you learn about the judgment day for the believer from the following verses: verse 10; Rom. 14:10-12; 1 Cor. 3:8, 12-15; 4:5; Eph. 6:8; 2 Tim. 4:8; Jude 24; Rev. 20:11-15.

18. Judgment day for a believer is to be an encouragement of their faithfulness while on earth. It can also be a motivation for change for a believer. How can understanding “judgment day” for a believer help you live more for Christ each day?

19. We all long to hear the Lord say on that day, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” What are some areas you would like to grow in or work on so that your deeds will be found faithful on that Day?

Like as sundry vessels, whereof some are bigger and some less, if they all be cast into the sea, some will receive more water and some less, and yet all shall be full and no want in any: so likewise, among the saints of God in heaven, some shall have more glory, some less, and yet all, without exception, full of glory.

– Daniel Cawdray

Nothing is more contrary to a heavenly hope than an earthly heart.

– William Gurnall