

**BOOK OF 2 CORINTHIANS
FOCUSING ON ETERNAL THINGS
OUR ETERNAL HOME-PT 2
2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-9**

Introduction

We saw last week how that we who are born again are **“pilgrims and strangers” in this world!**

When we got saved, we became the children of God and **our citizenship changed to a place called Heaven!**

Since we are citizens of Heaven, **there is a pull from that other land within our hearts.**

We just don't fit in down here anymore! (We're foreigners here!)

We are not as comfortable here now as we used to be!

There is a desire within us now to leave this world and go to Heaven!

We sensed last week from this passage the Apostle Paul's great longing for his heavenly home! We said **suffering will do that for you!**

So, just as a reminder: Paul speaking about what our eternal focus should be!

I. OUR EARTHLY HOUSE!

A. *Life Here In This World Is A Temporary Time! (Vs. 1)*

B. *Life Here In This World Is A Tough Time! (Vs. 2-4)*

He uses the words “groan”; “burdened”; “mortality” to remind us that this life is filled with tragedies, trials and trauma.

C. *Life Here In This World Is A Testing Time! (Vs. 7)*

We are told that we are to navigate this world walking by *faith, not by sight.*

God allows us to pass through all the events of life to show case HIS GLORY and to prepare us for our ETERNAL GLORY! **He uses ALL the pressures of this life to remake us into His perfect image!** After all, that is His goal for us!

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II. OUR HEAVENLY HOPE!

A. *Our Heavenly Hope Is A Comforting Hope! (Vs. 4)*

We're waiting for this mortality to be swallowed up of life!

B. *Our Heavenly Hope Is A Confident Hope! (Vs. 1, 6)*

Vs 1-“we know,” ; “we have,” Vs 6-“we are always confident,” Vs 8-“We are confident,”

C. *Our Heavenly Hope Is A Cleansing Hope! (Vs. 9)*

III. OUR HEAVENLY HOME!

Paul has something to say about the home to which we are headed. Thank God, there is a **prepared place for God's prepared people** when this earthly life is over!

A. Our Home Is A Perfect Place! (Vs. 1)

Paul tells us that our home on high is a *“building of God.”*

This tells us something of the **nature** of that place!

If the Lord makes it, then it stands to reason that **it is perfect!** Just as He made all of creation and **saw that it was good, what He has for us in Heaven is good!**

God doesn't make any junk!

We know that this world is tainted and stained by sin!

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

But, none of the things that defile this world can enter there!

Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Heaven is a place where **the trials, burdens, sins and faults of this world cannot enter!** There will be **no death, no tears, no burdens, no trials, no devil, no evil, no sadness, no sorrow, no grief!**

There will be nothing to **defile, discourage or defeat that will ever darken that glorious place!**

John 14:1-3 1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

So, it will be a **place of perfect rest, peace, glory, existence and joy!** It is a **perfect place, being prepared for a redeemed people!** I'm glad I'm going!

Our Home Is A Perfect Place...

B. Our Home Is A Permanent Place! (Vs 1)

This earthly life is temporary and fleeting!

Psalms 103:15-16 15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

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James 4:14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

But, the place we are headed is permanent! Paul says it is "eternal in the heavens."

It will not fade!

It will not pass away!

It will never be destroyed!

1 Peter 1:4 calls it an incorruptible inheritance that is undefiled, that doesn't fade away, and that is reserved in heaven for us!

While eternity rolls forward, **the glory of Heaven will never ever fade away and the residents of Heaven will endure in that glorious city forever and ever!**

Our Home Is A Perfect Place...A Permanent Place...

C. Our Home Is A Precious Place! (Vs 8)

We are told that **when we leave these bodies, we go immediately into the presence of the Lord.**

As soon as death causes this clay tabernacle to fold up and fall away, **the redeemed soul finds itself in the presence of the One Who died to save that soul! That truth alone makes Heaven worth everything!**

We can speak of streets of gold, jasper walls, gates of pearl foundations of precious stones, and even angelic hosts, but the presence of Jesus Christ is what will make Heaven Heavenly!

In fact He and His glory that will light that city!

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Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

It is Jesus that died on the cross to make it all possible!
And we who are His people will see Him in that city on high!
We will forever dwell in His presence!
1 Thessalonians 4:17—“...and so shall we ever be with the Lord!”

And we will see the face of the One Who died to deliver us from our sins and from our sentence of death!
Revelation 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

Conclusion

Listen friend, this life on earth is not all that there is!
Don't live for the nasty now and now when you could be living for that sweet by and by!

When you come to the end of the journey, there is so much more beyond! In fact, it is more than we could ever dream and more than we could ever imagine!

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.