

This Is Us Series  
What Are You Aiming For?  
2 Corinthians 5:1-10  
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This life is **PREPARATION** for a better day!

**2 Corinthians 5:1-10** — *1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.*

1. **LONG FOR** a better day! 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

**Romans 8:18-25** — *18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that **the whole creation groans** and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 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. 24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.*

**1 Corinthians 15:54** — *54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “**DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP** in victory.*

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*6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

2. **BE ENCOURAGED** by a better day! 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

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**9** So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

3. **BE PREPARED** for a better day! 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

**10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

- Necessary---must
- Inclusive---all
- Revealing---appear; Christ will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts (1 Corinthians 4:5); we will fully understand our hearts for the first time
- Divine---the judgment seat of Christ; He will judge our works, how we have lived our lives
- Personal---Jesus judges each one
- Practical---it is about our practice (what we have done), not about our position; it is about our service, not our sin
- Rewarding---the quality of the believer's practice will be shown to be either "good or bad." A good work manifests the character and will of God. It is permanent and valuable work. On the other hand, the "bad" work is a worthless, temporary effort done out of a selfish motivation. Each believer will "receive" a reward for genuine spiritual work.

Let's talk about tents & buildings...

1. What is the tent that is our earthly dwelling (v.1)?
2. What happens that causes it to be destroyed (v.1)?
3. What is the building that comes from God (v.1)?
4. Why do we groan in this tent (v.2)?
5. How do we put on our heavenly dwelling (v.2)?
6. What does Paul mean when he talks about being found naked (v.3)?
7. What does the Holy Spirit guarantee for the believer (v.5)?
8. What reason do we have to be of good courage (v.6)?
9. What is the difference between walking by faith and walking by sight (v.7)?
10. What does it mean to make it our aim to please Jesus (v.9)?
11. What is it that is being assessed at the judgment seat of Christ (v.10)?