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Walk By Faith, Not By Sight

2 Corinthians 5:1 – 21

- 5:1 1. How confident can we be in this section of Scripture? [We KNOW]
2. "Destroyed" = "Strike a tent" in koine Greek.
3. What are some characteristics of tents? [Made by man; Not tremendously sturdy; Temporary dwelling places; Subject to rot, ruin, leaking, theft, etc.]
4. How is this "building" differ? [Made by God; Eternal; Located in Heaven; Perfect (complete)]
- 5:2 5. So we groan (long for) our Heavenly house.
- 5:3 6. We won't be naked, that is a "bodiless spirit", we will be further clothed in glory.
7. [Romans 8:22- All of creation will be released from bondage to sin's corruption... The Greek philosophers believed the body was a prison for the spirit, yet God called the body "good" in Genesis 1:31.]
8. [Why would a person NOT long to be in a resurrection body in Heaven? Because they are sensual and not spiritual and love this world. 1 John 2:15 - 17.]
- 5:4 9. "Swallowed up by life" [What happens when we eat food? It becomes "us" (You are what you eat) The mortal will become immortal and eternal! Jesus pulled the powerful stinger of the "hornet"... the law of sin and death.]
- 5:5 10. The indwelling Holy Spirit is the deposit (guarantee) that you WILL receive your resurrection body.
- 5:5-6 11. Why are we to be of good or strong courage?
- 5:8 12. Because we walk by faith and not by sight! [Faith in what?... The unchanging character of God which is Omnipotent; Omniscient; Omnipresent; Loyal, covenant love ("Khesed" in Hebrew); immutable; Long-suffering; etc.,etc.]
- 5:9 13. Since we will live forever with God in Heaven, our earthly goal is to please Him...
- 5:10 13. Since we will stand before the judgement seat of Christ (The Bema Seat, where our earthly works for Jesus will be judged, NOT the Great White Throne judgement of sinners being consigned to Hell.) [How do we know this? Isaiah 53:4 – 5.]

5:14 14. The love of God controls us. [Why? The grace (undeserved blessing) show to us by Jesus' death on the cross; Those who are truly saved are indwelt by the Holy Spirit because the "old man" has been crucified with Christ and therefore the indwelling Holy Spirit produces the Fruit of the Spirit through us!]

5:18 – 19 15. We have been given the same ministry Jesus had while physically here on earth... Reconciliation of mankind to God through us as His ambassadors.

5:21 16. A succinct summation of what has happened to believers and why we are to be about the Father's business of the ministry of reconciliation.

** 4 steps to faith throughout Scripture:

1. Knowledge of the person and character of God. (Read the Old Testament)
2. Knowledge of the plan of God. (Read the New Testament)
3. Having a Love Commitment. (Manifested in a change of behavior and an assumption of risk for the object of your love... There is NO real risk in loving God. Philippians 1:21)
4. Holding firm to hope. (Confidence in the future because of the promises of our unchanging God. Hebrews 11:1)

*** If you do not have any desire to please God and bring others to Jesus, then you need to question whether you actually have the Holy Spirit living inside you!

