

2 –AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE (2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10)

I. The Longing (2 Corinthians 5:1-5)

A. An Understanding of Now (2 Corinthians 5:1)

1. The Temporary Condition (2 Corinthians 5:1a)

- Paul understood that our current existence is temporary.

2. The Eternal Condition (2 Corinthians 5:1b)

- Paul expressed his confidence in the eternal body that he would receive.

B. The Desire for the Future (2 Corinthians 5:2-3)

1. The Eternal Habitation (2 Corinthians 5:2)

- Understanding what awaited him, Paul longed for his eternal home.

2. The Timing of the Eternal Habitation (2 Corinthians 5:3)

- Paul stated that the eternal state would be instant upon death.

C. The Current Condition (2 Corinthians 5:4)

1. The Groaning (2 Corinthians 5:4a)

- Paul stated that they are burdened for their future state in heaven.

2. The Promise (2 Corinthians 5:4b)

- Paul longed for the promise when death is swallowed up in eternity.

D. The Guarantor (2 Corinthians 5:5)

1. The One Who Prepares (2 Corinthians 5:5a)

- God is the one who planned and prepared for us to reach the eternal state.

2. The Guarantee (2 Corinthians 5:5b)

- God gave us the Holy Spirit as our guarantee for the future.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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II. Confidence and Commitment (2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

A. Paul's Confidence (2 Corinthians 5:6-8)

1. Confidence in the Eternal (2 Corinthians 5:6)

- The eternal perspective gave Paul confidence in this temporary existence.

2. Walking by Faith (2 Corinthians 5:7)

- Paul lived by faith in his salvation, rather than by his current circumstances.

3. Paul's Desire (2 Corinthians 5:8)

- Paul expressed that he would rather be with Jesus.

B. Paul's Commitment (2 Corinthians 5:9-10)

1. Paul's Aim (2 Corinthians 5:9)

- In the meantime, Paul lives his life in a way that is pleasing to God.

2. The Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10)

- Paul reminds the reader that all will appear before the judgment seat of Christ.
- All will be rewarded based on their actions in this temporary existence.

Cross-Reference

Matthew 25:31–46; Revelation 20:11-15