

A Building from God
2 Cor. 5:1-11

"We are not made for this world. This is just a temporary experience, a training ground; this is the place where eternity is decided for all of us; this is the place where decisions are made and characters are formed which affect eternal destinies. But it is only a temporary situation, and God has not made us for this earth. He has made us for heaven. He has made us for himself." REDPATH

- I. By fixing our eyes on what is unseen and eternal, we have come to understand that we exist in a place that is physically and spiritually unnatural and fleeting. Our hope is not to be found in the things of this world, but in what God has in store for all those who love him and have been called according to his purpose. Our responsibility in knowing this, is to keep our eyes on the eternal so that we don't let our temporary existence here on earth keep us from standing firm in the faith.

2 Cor. 5:1

2 Cor. 4:16-18

1 Thess. 5:16-18

1 Cor. 15:50-57

Rom. 8:28

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 *20But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.*

- II. The internal struggle we wrestle with daily comes from the supernatural indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all believers. The tension we feel stems from the longing he puts in our hearts for our heavenly dwelling. This tension is meant to put in us a strong desire to trust him with all matters of life as we wait to be clothed with immortality.

2 Cor. 5:2-8

Gal. 5:17

Isa. 65:17

2 Peter 3:13

Ecc. 3:11 *He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*

Isaiah 25:7-9 *7On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. 9In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."*

"Every other relationship and every other interest of life is motivated by this one: 'will it please my Lord?' Is this something that I may do because it pleases Him, or is it something I cannot do because it would displease him? That is the test." REDPATH

- III. We know that our salvation means that we will inherit the kingdom of God with resurrected physical bodies free from sin and physical defect. The guarantee of eternal life with Him does not free us from living lives holy and pleasing to the Lord. We cannot earn our salvation, but we are expected to live well under the Lordship of Jesus Christ while here on earth. That is why we will stand before him to give an account for how well we have lived our faith.

2 Cor. 5:9-10

1 Cor. 3:11-15

Ecc. 12:14 *For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.*

Psalms 145:8-9 *The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you.*