

FACING DEATH WITH CONFIDENCE

2Corinthians 5:1-9

The Reality of Life:

Life is SHORT and so UNCERTAIN!

*For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.
James 4:14b*

*You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning, though in
the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered. Psalm 90:5-6*

Two Extremes When It Comes to Death:

- Some people won't TALK about it: "The Nervous Silence"
- Some people THINK about it all the time: "The Constant Obsession"

Facing Death with Confidence:

1. The CERTAINTY of the Resurrection Body!

*For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God,
a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2Corinthians 5:1*

- We live in a TENT.
- We will one day TRADE-IN our tent for a building.

2. The NATURE of the Resurrection Body!

*For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,
if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tent
groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed,
that mortality may be swallowed up by life. 2Corinthians 5:2-4*

- It is like putting on an OVERCOAT.
- It is the answer to our GROANING.
- It removes our deepest FEARS.

3. The GUARANTEE of the Resurrection!

*Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us
the Spirit as a guarantee. 2Corinthians 5:5*

- God RAISED His own Son from the dead.
- God GAVE us the Spirit as a sacred deposit.

Three Concluding Thoughts:

- Paul said that he was confident that we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven...because he knew God had given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. *2Corinthians 5:1, 5, 8*
- You can be confident also that you will be in heaven...because Jesus Christ has already paid the way at the Cross and given you the Holy Spirit as a deposit.
- Some people are not confident of their salvation...but you can be! Just put your faith in Jesus Christ and trust Him!