

Grace Unraveled  
Assurance of the Resurrection  
2 Corinthians 5:1-10

We don't naturally like to think about death. In fact, when we are young we often think more in terms of invincibility than in frailty. Much of the culture is indifferent to the questions of death and eternity because there is no place in secularism for spiritual discussions about the possibilities of heaven and hell.

1. Our physical body reminds us of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. This body leads to \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. This body leads to \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. This body leads to \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. In this life we must walk by \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Faith puts us in God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Faith puts us in God's \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. The deeds of our bodies will be \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Our deeds validate our \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Our deeds determine our \_\_\_\_\_

The gospel of Jesus reminds us that this fleeting life on earth is not our final end. If we are in Christ, we have a destiny that is filled with the glory of God. Jesus followers enjoy the hope of eternal life that gives us perspective on this life with all of its frailties and suffering. Faith in the resurrection of Jesus gives us a destiny beyond imagination and empowers us to move forward in loving God and serving His kingdom.

Reflection

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10 again. What is Paul talking about when he uses terms like "earthly tent" and "habitation from heaven?" What benefits does the heavenly dwelling have over the earthly tent? What does it mean to walk by faith? What does that look like in daily life? What needs to change in your life (actions and/or attitudes) so that it reflects a willingness to walk by faith? How do you feel when you think about the judgment seat of Christ?