“New Bodies For Our New Homes”

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Text: 2 Corinthians 5: 1-8

Introduction: The HOUSE Paul speaks about in 2 Corinthians 5:1 is not the HOUSE the Lord speaks about in John 14: 1-4.

The Lord was talking about our new HOME or MANSION that we would have in HEAVEN. Here Paul is talking about our new bodies that we will have in HEAVEN.

Let us notice 3 things about these new bodies.

I. The Glory Of Our New Bodies

A. Paul Gives The Certainty Of A New Body
   V.1 – For we know-
   How do we know, because we trust in the word of God?

   No Christian has to trust in a fortuneteller, or a deck of cards to find out what the future holds.

   We can know what lies on the other side of death. God has told us all we need to know in the pages of his word.

B. Paul Gives The Contrast Of The New Body

   1. Notice First The Human Body

      a) The Description
         * V.1 – For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved.
         * A TENT is designed for a TEMPORARY dwelling place.
         * A TENT is designed to be MOBILE.
         * A TENT is a WEAK STRUCTURE; our earthly bodies are designed for a temporary stay on this earth.
The Description

b) The Decaying

V.1 – For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved-

Paul used the word DISOLVED.

Our body starts growing old and decaying from birth.

The Human Body

2. Notice Second The Heavenly Body

Our new body will be a permanent, spiritual body, which is suited for Heaven.

a) The New Body Is Permanent

V.1 – For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God-

These words refer to a house that is built on a foundation; it is designed to stay in the same place.

Our new bodies will be eternal bodies. They will not dissolve or decay. They are designed to last forever!

b) The New Body Is Spiritual

V.1 – last phrase- a house not made with hands-

This EXPRESSION calls attention to the supernatural and spiritual qualities of the new bodies.

Our PRESENT BODY is a physical body and is bound by LIMITATIONS of the physical.

Jesus in his physical body knew many of these limitations. His body required FOOD, REST, and SLEEP.
However, it is rather evident in the body which He had returned from the grave was not limited.

**Jesus in his spiritual body was able to move over Israel at the speed of thought.**

Our new bodies will be designed for HEAVEN. It will be a glorious body fashioned like our Lord Jesus.

**Philippians 3: 21** – *Who shall change our vile body, that it will be fashioned like unto his glorious body-

The Glory Of Our New Bodies

**II. The Groaning For Our New Bodies**

**V. 2** – *For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven.* 3 – *If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.* 4 – *For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.*

**A. We See The Reason For Paul’s Groaning**

**V. 4** – *For we that are in this tabernacle do groan,* being **burdened**. These earthly bodies bring BURDENS in this walk of life.

**Because Of Suffering:**

Paul had a thorn in the flesh.

**Because Of Sin:**

There is the warfare with the flesh.

**Because Of Limitation:**

We are limited to do what we want to do for the Lord because our bodies get weak and exhausted.

**B. We See The Response From Paul’s Groaning**

BURDENS IN THIS BODY WANTED PAUL TO HAVE A CHANGE OF BODIES.
Paul’s desire was not to be a corpse. V.4b - 2nd phrase- not for that we would be unclothed.

Paul’s desire was to be changed. V.4c – but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

In essence Paul didn’t want to see the undertaker, but the upper taker.

Paul wanted the RAPTURE to take place, and when it did, he would have a CHANGED BODY.

The Glory Of Our New Bodies
The Groaning Of Our New Bodies

III. The Giving Of Our New Body’s

We want to think about 2 words, WHO & WHEN; that is who gives these bodies & when will these bodies be given.

1. Who Gives These New Bodies

V.5a – Now he that hath wrought (fashioned, created) us for the selfsame thing is God-
V.1 – 2nd phrase- We have a building of God, a house not made with hands-

“Of God” in V.1 speaks of the source.

Our new bodies are the work of God.

2. When Are These New Bodies Given

V.5b – Last phrase- who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Earnest speaks of down payment.

The DOWN PAYEMENT is the spirit of God. We RECEIVED God’s spirit when we get saved.
God’s Holy Spirit that DWELLS on the inside of us is our ASSURANCE of a NEW BODY.

Conclusion:

“New Bodies For Our New Home”

1. The Glory Of Our New Bodies

2. The Groaning For Our New Bodies

3. The Giving Of Our New Bodies

One day we will move from earth & time into eternity.

Does it not seem wise that we make provisions for such a move? Does it not seem wise that we make sure that our spirits, which must spend eternity somewhere, have a home in which to live?

A person is foolish who gives all of their attention to this body, which must live here only a short time and give not attention to a NEW BODY to replace this one?

God help us to be wise this day!