

Living in Light of Eternity

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Main idea: Eternal perspective empowers us to live boldly today, anchored in the hope of our eternal home with Christ.

Key Verses: “Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:6-7, ESV)

Key Principles:

- The temporary nature of our earthly bodies points us to the eternal, God-given resurrection body awaiting us.
- The Holy Spirit’s presence is a divine guarantee, assuring us of God’s promise of eternal life.
- Living by faith, not sight, enables us to navigate life’s challenges with courage and hope in Christ’s return.
- Our actions in this life matter, as we will all stand before Christ’s judgment seat to give an account.
- An eternal perspective frees us from worldly distractions and empowers us to share the gospel boldly.
- Groaning for our heavenly home reflects a God-given longing for full redemption, not despair.

Discussion:

1. How does the imagery of verse 1 help you understand the difference between your current life and the eternal life promised? Share a moment when this hope sustained you through hardship.
2. What substitutes have you been tempted to pursue, and how can focusing on Christ as the only way to understand everything redirect your priorities?
3. What in this world makes you “groan” for eternity, and how does this longing, as fuel your hope rather than despair?
4. How does this assurance encourage you to trust God’s plan when life feels overwhelming? What helps you experience the Spirit’s transforming power daily?
5. How does this motivate you to live faithfully now? Are there specific choices or habits you feel called to align more with pleasing Christ?
6. How have you seen trusting God’s promises lead to specific acts of obedience in your life? Share an example.

Prayer:

- Pray for guidance to live by faith, not sight, trusting God’s promises amid life’s trials.
- Pray for:
 - Courage to obey God’s commands as an expression of faith in all you do.
 - That your LifeGroup members will find hope from an eternal perspective.
 - Boldness to share the eternal hope of Christ and His love with others.

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| I. | Pursue God's <u>Eternal Perspective</u>. | 5:1-3 |
| 1. | <u>Remember</u> this life is <u>temporary</u> . | 5:1 |
| 2. | <u>Rejoice</u> that our hope is <u>eternal</u> . | 5:2-3 |
| II. | Trust God's <u>Assuring Promise</u>. | 5:4-5 |
| 1. | The <u>burdens</u> of life may <u>overwhelm</u> you. | 5:4 |
| 2. | The <u>guarantee</u> of the Spirit will <u>encourage</u> you. | 5:5 |
| III. | Seek God's <u>Guiding Presence</u>. | 5:6-8 |
| 1. | <u>Walk</u> Boldly in <u>Faith</u> . | 5:6-7 |
| 2. | <u>Wait</u> Eagerly for <u>Heaven</u> . | 5:8 |
| IV. | Fulfill God's <u>Holy Purpose</u>. | 5:9-10 |
| 1. | <u>Strive</u> diligently for Christ's <u>Praise</u> . | 5:9 |
| 2. | <u>Stand</u> ready for Christ's <u>Judgment</u> . | 5:10 |

NEXT WEEK:
A Commendable Life
2 Corinthians 5:11-21