

Our Fathers Who Aren't In Heaven Part 6

Away from the body, at home with the Lord - Out of the body

Absent from the body, present with the Lord

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Chapter 4, verses 8-18,

8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. **10** We always carry

around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. **11** For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that

his life may be revealed in our mortal body. **12** So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, **14** because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also *(future)* raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.

(judgement seat) **15** All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. **16** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal (age-lasting) glory that far outweighs them all.

18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal (age-lasting).

2 Corinthians 5:1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

(2 Peter 1:13 and 14 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.)

2 Corinthians 5:2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, (Read the context in 1 Corinthians 1 Cor. 15:51ff.

Luke 20:4 John's baptism—was it from heaven, or from men?"

2 Corinthians 5:3 because when (time involved) we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

1 Corinthians 15:51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--

2 Corinthians 5:4 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.

6Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 We live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.10 For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Out of the body:

2 Corinthians 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

3 And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—

4 was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are *outside* (ektos) his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

Acts 8:39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Rev 17:3 Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a desert. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.

Rev 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.

Ezekiel 1:1 In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw **visions of God**.

Ezekiel 8:3 He stretched out what looked like a hand and took me by the hair of my head. The Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and in **visions of God** he took me to Jerusalem, to the entrance to the north gate of the inner court, where the idol that provokes to jealousy stood.

Ezekiel 40:2 In **visions of God** he took me to the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain, on whose south side were some buildings that looked like a city.