

The Ministry: Its Hope and the Assurance of An Eternal Home

2 Corinthians 05: 01–10

1 Assurance 1:

*Personal conviction —
the conviction that we have a hope,
that we have a house in heaven*

- a. We groan for our new house,
for our new body
- b. We groan not to be naked
(corruptible)
- c. We groan for release —
for immortality

2 Assurance 2: God —

*He guarantees the hope
by the Spirit*

3 Assurance 3: The Holy Spirit — He enhances the hope

- a. He gives great courage
to face the present
- b. He stirs faith
- c. He stirs great courage,
even creates a preference
to be with the Lord

4 Assurance 4: Judgment — it stirs the hope

- a. It stirs diligent ambition
- b. The purpose:
To please the Lord
- c. The reason:
The judgment seat of Christ

- 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 Meanwhile we groan,
longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,
- 3 Because when we are clothed,
we will not be found naked.
- 4 For while we are in this tent,
we groan and are burdened,
because we do not wish to be unclothed
but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,
so that what is mortal
may be swallowed up by life.
- 5 Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose
and has given us the Spirit as a deposit,
guaranteeing what is to come.
- 6 Therefore 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 judgment seat of Christ,
that each one may receive what is due him
for the things done while in the body,
whether good or bad.