

BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Open It:

Have you, or anyone that you've known, claimed to have an "out of body" experience when close to death? What do you think about such claims?

Dig Into It:

1. *Read 2 Cor. 5:1-5* and answer the following questions:

- a) When and how will our "earthly tent" be "destroyed"? (v. 1)
- b) Can we know for certain we will have an eternal home, or is it just something we think *might* happen? (v. 1)
- c) List some ways that we "groan" in our present bodies: (vv. 2-4)
- d) In this context, what is the purpose that God made us for? (v. 5)
- e) What synonyms can you think of for "deposit" in relation to the guarantee of the Spirit? (v. 5)

2. *Read 2 Cor. 5:6-10* and answer the following questions:

- a) Is it true that we would rather be with the Lord than in our present condition? Why or why not? (vv. 7-8)
- b) What specific goals can we list for pleasing the Lord while still in this life? (v. 9) Name them:
- c) What determines what we will receive at judgment? (v. 10) Is the reference here to eternal destiny or to reward?
- d) Does the Christian face judgment in the same way that a non-Christian does? See John 5:24; 1 Cor. 3:13-15)

