

"Facing Death"

It's an Upgrade
II Corinthians 5:1-10

In Death, the believer is:

I. Unburdened – "being burdened" (vs. 1-5)

Relief through:

- A. Attire -"being clothed we shall not be found naked"
- **B.** Athanasia "mortality might be swallowed up of life"
- C. Assurance "has given unto us the earnest of the Spirit"
- II. Undaunted "Therefore we are always confident" (vs. 6-8)

 Recognizing the:
 - **A.** Good "whilst we are at home in the body"
 - **B.** Better "For we walk by faith, not by sight"
 - C. Best "to be absent from the body...present with the Lord"
- III. Unveiled "whether present or absent" (vs. 9-10)

 Revealing through:
- A. Approval "we labor that ... we may be accepted of Him"
- B. Appearance "we must appear before the judgement seat"
- C. Awards "every one may receive the things done...good or bad"

Sentence Sermon

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15

Additional Verses

- > Psalm 116:15
- > I Peter 1:23; 2:11
- Philippians 1:23; 3:20-21
- > Job 14:1
- > John 16:33
- Ecclesiastes 7:15
- > James 4:14
- > Psalm 144:4
- > Romans 8:22-23
- > I Corinthians 15:51-55
- > Ephesians 6:8

Questions to Ponder

- 1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
- 2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
- 3. What is the best thing about the new body God will give us?
- 4. How would you describe the difference between a tent and a house?
- 5. What is the picture in your mind of "mortality being swallowed up of life?"
- 6. What doctrines are being taught in verse 5?
- 7. What does Paul say gives him good courage?
- 8. When is it important to be pleasing to God? How can we in death?
- 9. What are some false teachings that are debunked by verse 8?
- 10. How does appearing before the judgement seat of Christ make you feel?
- 11. How would you rate your fear of death? Why?
- 12. What part of this passage is most comforting to you?