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Our New Heavenly Body 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

I. OUR PRESENT STRUGGLE (Verses 1-4)

A Certainty: We will receive a new heavenly body (1 Cor.15:42-49; Mk.14:58; Heb.9:11,24)

A Struggle: We presently groan waiting for the day when we receive this new body (vs.2,4; Rom.8:18-23) **A Desire:** To be freed from the fleshly desires of our mortal body (vs.4b; Rom.8:5-8; Gal.5:17; 1 Cor.15:54)

II. OUR PROMISED SALVATION (Verses 5-8)

God is the source of this promised salvation. He has guaranteed this by giving us the indwelling Holy Spirit as a pledge. Therefore: (Rom.1:17; 2 Cor.4:18)

- 1. Be courageous always hopeful
- 2. Live your life by faith
- 3. Prefer to be at home with the Lord

III. OUR POWERFUL STIMULUS (Verses 9-10)

- 1. Bringing Pleasure to God by walking with, and depending upon Him in everything; by getting to know Him, being thankful, and acting in ways consistent with His character (*Rom.15:3; Col.1:10-12*)
- 2. Knowing that every aspect of our lives will be made visible at Christ's judgment: the good done under the control of the Holy Spirit, and the bad done under our own control (*Jn.19:13*; *Acts 18:12,16,17*; 25:6,10; *Rom.14:10,12*; *1Cor.3:13*; *Col.3:23-25*; *Phil.2:13*; *Gal.5:16,22,24;6:14*; *Rom.7:18*; 8:5-8; 2 *Cor.4:7*)

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Application

Thought Questions:

1.	What fraction of your time is given to thinking of your future in heaven with the Lord?
2.	On a scale of 1 to 10 rate your desire and actual practice of pleasing the Lord? Desire Practice
3.	Evaluate your actual practice in these areas: Communing with God: Depending upon God: Yielding to the Holy Spirit: Thanking God: Acting in ways that are consistent with His character:
4.	In a word, how do you feel about the knowledge that you will appear before Christ at His judgment seat where your whole life will be laid bare?