

“Wading Deeper Into Reality”
Second Corinthians 5:1-10

The Apostle Paul pushes us deeper into reality: there is more _____!

I. Our earthly home is likened to a _____

The Scriptures identify us as pilgrims, sojourners – “_____ and strangers”

A. A dominant reality of our sojourn: _____

1. We groan in _____

“In this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling” [2a]

“The whole creation is on _____” [J.B. Phillips]

2. We groan amid our _____

“While we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened” [4a]

3. Three “groans” compressed in Romans 8

a. Creation – “in bondage to corruption” – groans

This groaning is universal--it may be a bridge to _____

b. As believers we groan--like a child waiting for _____

c. The Spirit of God groans on our behalf

II. We have much reason for hope

“We are always of good _____” [5:6a, 8a] “We do not lose _____” [4:16]

A. The Spirit helps us in our _____

The Spirit is the “guarantee” – the _____ – of the life to come [5]

B. We have the hope of heaven

“What is mortal will be swallowed up by _____” [4b]

Our eternal identity will also be an _____ existence

“The new heavens and new _____” [Revelation 21:1]

C. We have hope amid _____

“The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” [Romans 8:18]

III. What do we do?

A. We _____ – we fix our eyes on Jesus

Teleos--a goal that _____ us in its direction

Our _____ shapes our choices--we become what we love

“One thing I do....” [Philippians 3:13b-14]

B. We make it our aim to _____ Him

1. This is a down-to-earth undertaking

2. This is a _____ undertaking

3. Keep this framed in the “sober _____” of the Gospel

Religion: the work of our hands – our attempts to save ourselves

Only one work saves any of us: the work that Jesus did on the cross

Salvation: being clothed with Christ