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FINDING EACH OTHER

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

For we know that if our temporary, earthly dwelling is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal dwelling in the heavens, not made with hands. Indeed, we groan in this body, desiring to put on our dwelling from heaven, since, when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. Indeed, we groan while we are in this tent, burdened as we are, because we do not want to be unclothed but clothed, so that mortality may be swallowed up by life. And the One who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a down payment.

So, we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight, and we are confident and satisfied to be out of the body and at home with the Lord. Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the tribunal of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or worthless.

The hope of heaven. More than a wish. More than a dream. More than a fairy tale. The hope of Heaven is the hope of home. This hope of home changes everything. It changes the past as our mistakes and flaws fade in the distance in a place of perfect forgiveness. It changes the present since all of the challenges and sufferings of this present day are but a fraction of a moment compared to the hope of this eternal home. And it changes the future by reminding us that this world is not our true home.

NOTES FROM SERMON – 8/24/14:

- Home is a place that gives us HOPE and COMFORT.

  - A healthy home/church is life giving, healing, comforting, and affirming of the eternal/lasting things.

- Home is a place that gives us CONFIDENCE and ASSURANCE.

  - 2 Corinthians 5:5 — Confidence sourced in the Spirit of God and the belief that we are made for more and better things.

- Home is a place that gives us us PURPOSE and SIGNIFIGANCE

  - A healthy home/community/church - asks something of the members; our purpose and contribution matters