

TWO HOUSES FOR THE SOUL

We begin a new series of lessons entitled, Resurrection Body, taken from (2 Cor.5:1-10).

Paul explains the trichotomy of mankind in:

(1 Thess.5:23) “**Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify** (hagiazō/ a.a.opt.3ps) you entirely; **and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete** (tereo/ a.p.opt.3ps), without blame at **the coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Note that Paul introduces two doctrinal statements by the word (**may**) about the trichotomy of the believer: **Sanctification and Second Coming.**

We will study five aspects of Paul’s teaching on the Two Houses of the Soul.

Note that both aspects are associated with the Sanctification and Second Coming in the context (2 Cor.5:1-10).

(2 Cor.5:1) “For **we know** (oida/ perf.a.ind.1pl) **that** (hoti) [declarative conj. of doctrine] **if** (3cc) [maybe] the earthly tent which is our **house** (oikia) is **torn down** (kataluo/ a.p.subj.3ps), we have a building (oikodeme) from God, a house (oikia) not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

1. **The 3rd Class Condition (if) [may be true] is based on what we know (oida/ perf) with certainty. We have a doctrinal promise from God of our resurrection body (2 Cor.5:1).**

If a Church Age Believer dies (house torn down) before the Rapture, he has a building from God (resurrection body), a house eternal in heaven.

2. **Paul will explain the issue regarding life after death without crossing the doctrinal line drawn by God because of his experience recorded in (2 Cor:12:1-10).**

(2 Cor.12:4) “Was caught up into Paradise and heard **inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.**”

(2 Cor.12:7) “Because of the surpassing greatness of the resurrection; for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of satan to torment me - to keep me from exalting myself!”

NOTE: What Paul explained to us in (2 Cor.5:1-10) is all he was permitted to tell us.

3. **Paul illustrated the death of a believer as an “earthly tent which is our house is torn down”.**

He did so, adding the promise from God that: “**We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**” (2 Cor.5:1)

- We know that our physical body is a temporary dwelling place for the soul and spirit until Death/Rapture
- We know the human body goes back to the earth at death (Gen.2:7; 3:19; Eccl.12:7; Job 34:14-15).
- We know our resurrection body is our eternal dwelling place for our soul.

4. **Every believer will receive a new Resurrection body that is ETERNAL, existing forever in the New Heaven and the New Earth (Rev.21:22).**

- Our **resurrection body** will be our NEW HOUSE made in heaven. It is made for the life, everlasting in the New Heaven and New Earth (John's revelation, "I saw").
- Our **earthly body** is sown perishable, in dishonor, in weakness, a natural body, belonging to the First Adam (1 Cor.15:42-45) [our old house].
- Our **heavenly body** is sown imperishable, in glory, raised in power, raised a spiritual body, belonging to the Last Adam, Jesus Christ (1 Cor15:40-45) [our new house].

5. **Paul taught that our confidence is based upon seven doctrinal truths regarding our resurrection body.**

1st Our resurrection body is a "building from God."

2nd It is house not made with hands.

3rd It is a house made eternal in heaven.(2 Cor.5:1-2).

4th It is not perishable, a glory of heaven, has divine power, is spiritual, and immortal (1 Cor.15:52-54).

5th "Just as we have borne the image of the earthy; we will **also bear the image of the heavenly.**" (1 Cor.15:49)

6th "We are of **good courage**, I say, and prefer **rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.**" (2 Cor.5:8)

7th "Therefore we also have as **our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him** (2 Cor.5:8)