

Beyond the Mortal **2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

I. A Mortal Blow (vs. 1-4)

Old Tent → Naked → New Tent (2 Cor 4:14)

Resurrection hope from the OT: Isaiah 53:10 (of Jesus), Psalm 16:10, Psalm 49:15

II. An Informed Courage (vs. 5-8)

Future hope is guaranteed, with Spirit of God as a reminder. Romans 8:9-11

III. An Eternal Impact (vs. 9-10)

Judgment on our works, but not related to salvation

The Foundation of our faith is not works, but Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11–15)

Have you ever as a Christian stopped to think of what a solemn thing it will be when your life's work is ended, when all further opportunity for witnessing for Christ on earth will have gone by forever, when you stand in your glorified body before His judgment seat, and He will go back over all the way you have come, and will give His own estimate of all your service, of everything you have ever attempted to do for Him? Will He have to say at such a time, "You had a very wonderful opportunity to glorify Me, but failed because you were so self-occupied, you were so much concerned about what people would think of you, instead of being concerned about pleasing Me; I will have to blot all that out, I cannot reward you for that, for there was too much self in that service?" And then He will point to something else, maybe something you had forgotten altogether, and He will say, "There! You thought you failed in that; didn't you? You really thought you blundered so dreadfully that your whole testimony amounted to nothing, but I was listening and observing, and I knew that in that hour of weakness your one desire was to glorify Me, and though nobody applauded you I took note of it and will reward you for it." What a joy it will be to receive His approval in that day. If we learn to live as Paul did with the judgment seat of Christ before us, we will not be men-pleasers, but we will be Christ-pleasers.

H. A. Ironside, 1 And 2 Corinthians, pg 383-384