

When Heaven is Home

2 Corinthians 5 | **Joe James** 9.14.25



Four marks of a life that treasures Heaven as home...

1. We clearly value the eternal over the temporal.

2 Corinthians 4:16 - 5:1-2

2. We joyfully embrace the reality of <u>death</u> and <u>judgment</u> without fear, trusting by faith in God's promise of eternity.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

3. Through Christ's sacrificial death we are enabled to live <u>Christ-centered</u> lives, as transformed and daily renewed creations.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

4. We take seriously the call to share the hope of the gospel with the lost.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

"I will not believe that thou hast tasted of the sweet honey of the gospel, if thou canst eat it all thyself."

- Charles Spurgeon

"A true faith in Jesus Christ will not suffer us to be idle. No, it is an active, lively, restless principle; it fills the heart, so that it cannot be easy 'til it is doing something for Jesus Christ." – George Whitfield

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. What does 2 Corinthians 5 teach us about God's character and His purpose for us? (e.g., He is our eternal dwelling place, He is the righteous Judge, and He is the one reconciling sinners to Himself.)

| 2. | How does this passage reveal the grace of God in both preparing us for eternity and giving us the ministry of reconciliation? What does that say about His heart toward sinners? |
|----|---|
| 3. | What does it mean that God made Jesus, who knew no sin, to be sin for us (v.21)? How should that affect our view of the cross and of God's justice and mercy? |
| 4. | What does it mean to "walk by faith, not by sight" in the context of waiting for our heavenly dwelling (v.7)? How does this challenge the way we typically live day to day? |
| 5. | Does my life show clear evidence that Heaven is my home? If someone watched my life closely this week, what would they say I treasure most? |

Calendar of Events at Grace

September 28 (Sunday) - Membership Information Class with Pastor Jerry – 2:30-5:30

October 4 (Saturday) - Men's Pig Roast - 5-8pm

November 1 (Saturday) - Men's Annual Bible Study & Breakfast - 8:30-noon

December 6 (Saturday) – Ladies Christmas Tea – 10am – Speaker: Char Pelfrey

January 24 (Saturday) – 2nd Annual Kids Apologetic Conference – 8:15am-12:30pm