**LESSON SIX**

 **DEATH AND THE AFTERLIFE**

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

 Have you, or anyone that you’ve known, claimed to have an “out of body” experience when close to death? What do you think about such claims?

 1. Read 2 Cor. 5:1-5 and answer the following questions:

a) When and how will our “earthly tent” be “destroyed”? (v. 1)

b) Can we know for certain we will have an eternal home, or is it just something we think might happen? (v. 1)

c) List some ways that we “groan” in our present bodies: (vv. 2-4)

d) In this context, what is the purpose that God made us for? (v. 5)

e) What synonyms can you think of for “deposit” in relation to the guarantee of the Spirit? (v. 5)

2. Read 2 Cor. 5:6-10 and answer the following questions:

1. Is it true that we would rather be with the Lord than in our present condition? Why or why not? (vv. 7-8)

 b) What specific goals can we list for pleasing the Lord while still in this life? (v. 9) Name them:

1. What determines what we will receive at judgment? (v. 10) Is the reference here to eternal destiny or to reward?
2. Does the Christian face judgment in the same way that a non-Christian does? See John 5:24; 1 Cor. 3:13-15)

**REFLECT ON IT:**

1. If you could choose at this very moment to be with God for eternity or to stay on this earth for another twenty years, which would you choose and why?

2. If you only had 24 hours left to live, what would you do or say in the time you had left?

3. When you think about the afterlife, which of the following words best describes your feelings and why? Excited, Fearful, Worshipful, Apprehensive, Other…

4. Do you know without any doubt that you will go to heaven when you die? If so, explain how you know. If not, explain why not.

5. Describe a perfect day for you in heaven. What would it be like?

6. How can the group pray for you today?

PRAY ABOUT IT:

 “Prayer at its highest is a two-way conversation and for me the most important part is listening to God’s replies.” ~ Frank C. Laubach