

# Camping in Heaven

## 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

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<sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

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<sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

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What is Death?

*Death is a temporary separating of the soul from the body.*

Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (KJV)

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*“Death ... is precisely defined as the suspension of the personal union of soul and body.” - A. A. Hodge*

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## What Happens After Death?

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*A Psalm of Life*

Life is real! Life is earnest!

And the grave is not its goal;

“Dust thou art, to dust returnest,”

Was not spoken of the soul.

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*“Angels will be their convoy; Christ will be their company...  
heaven will be their home, and God will be their happiness.” -*

Richard Baxter



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Why can we Face Death with Confidence?

“For we know ...” (v1).

“Therefore we are always confident and know ...” (v6).

“We are confident ...” (v8).

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2 Corinthians 4:13 ... we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

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