- True or False: In 5:1, our earthly house is this physical body.
  - True
- What do Christians look forward to being clothed with?
  - Our habitation which is from heaven, v.2

- For we walk by \_\_\_\_\_, not by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - For we walk by faith, not by sight. 5:7
- Paul says, "we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be \_\_\_\_\_ to Him"
  - Well-pleasing, v.9

- 2 Corinthians 5:10 teach us about the judgement:
  - A) all will appear
  - B) Christ will judge
  - C) we will be judged according to things done in the body
  - D) the judgment will be personal/individual
  - E) all of the above
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- Your thoughts please: How does the love of Christ constrain us?

- Because Christ died for all, then we know that all died. What does that mean?
  - Christ died for every man because every man, all, have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. If all have sinned, then all have died (spiritually; separated from God)
- People who are Christians are a new \_\_\_\_\_\_;
  things have passed away; behold, all things have become \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Creation; old; new; 5:17

- 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 teach us:
  - A) Salvation is of God
  - B) God has made reconciliation possible through Jesus Christ
  - C) The apostles were given the ministry of reconciliation
  - D) God committed to the apostles the word of reconciliation
  - E) God reconciles men to himself when He does not impute their trespasses to them
  - F) all of the above
    - F) all of the above

- What does impute mean? (v.19)
  - To account, to reckon
- What does God not impute to those who are reconciled to Him?
  - Their trespasses, v.19
- How does God not impute one's trespasses to himself?
  - He forgives them, Romans 4:7-8

#### HIGH-LEVEL SUGGESTED OUTLINE

- I. Salutation (1:1-2)
- II. Paul's conduct in the light of the apostolic ministry (1:3-7:16)
- III. Instructions regarding the collection for needy saints in Jerusalem (8-9)
- IV.Addressing the enemies of Christ (10-13)

(Based on Outline in The Book of 2 Corinthians, by Melvin Curry, 2008, p.44-46)

- Deep concern for the Corinthians (1:3-2:13)
  - A. Sincere Behavior (1:12-14)
  - B. Explaining change of plans and dealing with charge of fickleness (1:15-22)
  - C. Sparing the Corinthians a painful visit (1:23-24)
  - D. Why Paul wrote the former letter (2:1-4)
  - E. Reclaiming the penitent (2:5-11)
  - F. Anxiety in Troas (2:12-13)

- II. The Apostle's Ministry of the New Covenant (2:14-7:16)
  - A. The apostles true ministers of Christ (2:14-17)
  - B. The Corinthians are Paul's letter of recommendation (3:1-3)
  - C. Paul, as God's minister of the new covenant, is made sufficient by God for this task (3:4-6)
  - D. The glory of the new covenant (3:7-11)
  - E. The reason for Paul's boldness (3:12-18)

- II. The Apostle's Ministry of the New Covenant (2:14-7:16)
  - F. The character of the apostles (4:1-6)
  - G. The apostles' confidence and steadfastness (4:7-5:10)
  - H. The apostles' conduct and motives in their ministry (5:11-15)
  - I. Overview of the apostle's ministry (5:16-19)

- II. The Apostle's Ministry of the New Covenant (2:14-7:16)
  - J. Paul, an ambassador of Christ
  - K. Paul's credentials
  - L. A plea for mutual affection from the Corinthians
  - M. Exhortation to be separate and holy
  - N. A final plea for the Corinthians to open their hearts

# 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:2 PAUL, AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. {21} For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. {6:1} We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. {2} For He says:

'In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.'

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

## TAKE AWAYS

- The apostles were ambassadors of the King. To reject them is to reject the word of the King. Some of the Corinthians were in this dangerous situation.
- Jesus Christ paid the penalty for sin that was due us. He did this so that God could declare us righteous or justified.