

Lesson 9
An Eternal Perspective
2 Corinthians 5:1-10

I. The Longing (5:1-5)

A. An understanding of now (5:1)

1. The temporary condition (5:1a)

- Paul understood that our current existence is _____.

2. The eternal condition (5:1b)

- Paul expressed his confidence in _____ that he would receive.

B. The desire for the future (5:2-3)

1. The eternal habitation (5:2)

- Understanding what awaited him, Paul longed for _____.

Question: Would you say that must Christian live with an eternal perspective or with an earthly perspective? Why?

2. The timing of the eternal habitation (5:3)

- Paul stated that the eternal state would be _____.

C. The current condition (5:4)

1. The groaning (5:4a)

- Paul stated that they are burdened for their _____.

2. The promise (5:4b)

- Paul longed for the promise when _____ in eternity.

D. The Guarantor (5:5)

1. The One who prepares (5:5a)

- God is the one who _____ for us to reach the eternal state.

2. The Guarantee (5:5b)

- God gave us _____ as our guarantee for the future.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:13-14 (NKJV)

II. Confidence and Commitment (5:6-10)

A. Paul's Confidence (5:6-8)

1. Confidence in the eternal (5:6)

- The eternal perspective gave Paul confidence in this _____.

Question: Why do you think many Christians in the Western world live as though they prefer to be “at home in the body,” enjoying their Christian life to the maximum now?

2. Walking by Faith (5:7)

- Paul lived by faith in his salvation, rather than by his _____.

3. Paul's Desire (5:8)

- Paul expressed that he would rather be with _____.

B. Paul's Commitment (5:9-10)

1. Paul's aim (5:9)

- In the meantime, Paul lives his life in a way that is _____.

2. The Judgment Seat of Christ (5:10)

- Paul reminds the reader that all will appear before the _____.
- All will be rewarded based on their actions in _____.

Question: How can this perspective help you come to terms with your own weaknesses and mortality?
