2 Corinthians The Heart of An Apostle Part 8: "Strengthening our Spiritual Eyes" 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

"We live in a day when there has been an ______ of heaven."

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

8We are hard pressed on every side, but not _____; perplexed, but not in despair; 9persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not _____.

We need to strengthen our _____ eyes!

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16Therefore we do not lose heart. Though ______ we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.
17For our ______ and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18So we fix our eyes not on what is seen , but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

1. A Believer's _____ 2. for Christ

2 Corinthians 5:2

2Meanwhile we ______ longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, 3because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

2 Corinthians 5:4

4For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly ______, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

1 Corinthians 15:47-58

2 Corinthians 5:5

5Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, ______ what is to come.

2 Corinthians 5:6

6Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at ______ in the body we are away from the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:7

7We live by _____, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:8

8We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be ______ from the body and at home with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:9

9So we make it our _____ to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

2 Corinthians 5:10

10For we must ______ before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Questions for the week

- What do you focus on more, temporary things or eternal things (2 Cor. 4:18)? Which kind of treasure are you longing after, temporary treasure that will waste away or eternal treasure that lasts forever (Matthew 6: 19, 20)? Are you more in love with this life than the life to come (John 12:25)? Do you truly believe in the life and promises to come (John 11:25, 26)? Are you so consumed with your temporary problems that you forget about the glory that will be revealed in us (Romans 8:18)?
- Do you try to please your Lord even in the mundane moments of your life (in the kitchens, bathrooms, living rooms, hallways of everyday life – 2 Cor. 5:9, Ephesians 5:8-10)? Do you understand that every word and deed will be held accountable to our Lord (Matthew 12:36)?