

Far Better ! . . .



When our earthly house is destroyed, we will have a building from God, not made by hands, eternal in heaven. While we're still in our earthly house we groan under the burdens we constantly bear. So that we long to be released from our earthly house and clothed in our new house from heaven in which mortality will be swallowed up by spiritual and eternal life in God.

There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. All this, streets of gold, and more, God made us for! In the meantime, He's given us as a down payment the Spirit Who already lives powerfully in us.

Still, while we're at home in our earthly body, we're not at home in the Lord in full personal presence. and we must walk by faith, not by sight. Obviously we would prefer to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. But until then we seek to please Him, remembering that we will all be rewarded for things we've done in the body, good or bad.

Knowing, therefore, both the terror and the love of the Lord, we persuade men. In His love He died for all that they who live should not henceforth live to themselves but unto Him who died for them, and rose again.

And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ and called us to be ambassadors in Christ's place beseeching everyone to be reconciled to God . . . while it is still the day of salvation . . . while God is still calling.

-From II Corinthians 5 and other Scriptures.

If you get a phone call telling you that a relative who knows the Lord just "passed away, if you joyously say, "Praise the Lord," what kind of response would you expect to get?

Dead silence, then,"What?!?"

. . . Even if the person has been released from years of pain and distress? . . . Even if their care givers were released from a life of great self-sacrifice and difficulty?

Generally, we've been brainwashed and poured into the world's mold.

Of course, if they don't know Christ as their personal Savior, your response would be anything but appropriate . . . And if the deceased person was leaving behind others to grieve, especially those who need them such as minor children.

Likewise, try telling people that you're anxious to go home to be with the Lord and trade in pain and sorrow of all kinds for eternal bliss. Right away some will be label you depressed, even suicidal. A wacco! It could well be argued that the waccos are those who don't have enough sense to want to trade in present pain and sorrow for eternal bliss. We need to get as straight as Paul was on this whole matter.

It's time for the church to preach again the everlasting joys of heaven, the eternal suffering of hell, and personal responsibility to God.

God is the beginning and end. We are to put Him first in all things. We are to be His ambassadors offering eternal life to all. Unabashedly longing to be with Him in eternal bliss is a great way to point them to Him.

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