

Longing for Heaven

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Introduction

1. 2 Corinthians 5:7
2. The context is dealing with longing for heaven 4:10-5:10
3. How often do we contemplate our eternal destiny
4. When we do our action may be somewhat different than when we forget about eternity
Luke 8:14
5. In our study let us consider what faith will do for us, how it will help us and then what we know about the future.

II Discussion

1. What faith will do for us 4:16-17; 5:7
 - a. Cause affliction; 1 Peter 4:12-16; 2 Timothy 3:12; 11:23-28
 - b. Causes to look for the eternal 4:16
 - i. What happens when I die? Luke 16:19-31
 - ii. Depends on which road we trod Matthew 7:13-14
 - iii. Where will you be in eternity?
2. How faith will help us 4:18
 - a. See things not seeable! Song, "There is a land that is fairer than day..."
 - b. Love is not seeable John 3:16; Romans 5:6-9
 - c. Forgiveness of sins is not seeable Hebrews 8:12
 - d. Heaven is not now seeable for us now John 14:1-6
3. What we know about the future 5:1-6
 - a. We **know** we have a body eternal 5:1; Philippians 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44
 - b. We **know** we can serve God faithfully Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7
 - c. We **know** there is a judgment day coming 5:10
 - i. All will be judged by Jesus 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1; Accts 17:30-31
 - ii. All will be judged by God's Word John 12:48
 - iii. All will be judged by their actions 5:10
 - iv. All will be separated Matthew 25:31-33
 - v. Some will be departing Matthew 25:41
 - vi. Some will be welcomed home Matthew 25:34

III Conclusion

1. This world walks by sight, of which we are not to conform Romans 12:1-2
2. God's people walk by faith Romans 1:17
3. Accepting God's testimony Romans 10:17
4. Doing what God requires Galatians 5:6; John 14:15; James 2:16-26

Sources: Denton 1989; Porter's sermon outlines; Sincere service; Sermon preached 2007 HBR