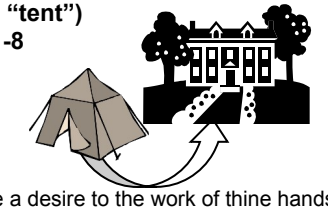
The Believer's New Home

(It will replace this old "tent")
2 Corinthians 5:1-8



Introduction:

Great Resurrection Passages:

Job 14:14-15 - "If a man die, shall he live again?
all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change
come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands."
Job 19:26 - "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God"
Is. 26:19 - "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead."
Phil. 3:20-31 - "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

**** The future for God's people is bright!***
We have a glorified new home to live in – coming soon!

Our new home (our resurrected body) is…

I. Superior by <u>Design</u> (v.1a)
(God fashions our new home)
"Earthly house" - our dwelling place which is limited to this earth, containing the elements of this earth (Gen. 2:7) and requiring the nutrients of this earth for its sustenance.
"tabernacle" - tent – a metaphor for the body.
To the Greeks of Corinth, the idea of the body being likened unto a "tent" conveyed the thoughts of:
--Frailty (tents are easily damaged; unlike a more permanent structure, like a "building" – v. 1)
--Transiency (tents are easily moved, can be pitched here today and uprooted and transplanted tomorrow)
--Limitations (you can only do so much with a tent; it has its limits)
--Insecurity (tents are not completely safe, they can be easily harmed and ruined)
--Temporality (they only last so long; they must be replaced; tents are not permanent structures)

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II. Superior by <u>Durability</u> (v.1b)
(Our new home lasts forever)
Our resurrected body will be re=manufactured by God, Who will transform the remaining elements ("**dust**") and will (without earthly additions) remake us with spiritual and eternal elements from Heaven.
"A building of God" - a permanent house from God
"Not made with hands" - not handmade; not of human origin or engineering. Not the product of this earth.

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III. Superior by <u>Desire</u> (v.2-4)
(We greatly anticipate our new home)
"Earnestly desiring" – intensely longing for our heavenly home (our body which will clothe our spirit/soul which comes from heaven).
Romans 8:23
And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

v. 3
There are three types of clothing described in Scripture:
1) <u>Physical clothing</u> – to cover our physical nakedness (a necessity due to the fall of man and its subsequent obsessions and perversions). God provided this in the animal skins He covered Adam and Eve with.
2) <u>Spiritual clothing</u> – to cover our spiritual nakedness (Christ's robe of righteousness which He wraps around those He justifies) (Note: Mt. 22:11-12 – the needed wedding garment); Rev. 3:17-18; Rev. 16:15; Rev. 19:14).
3) <u>Soul/Spirit</u> clothing (described here). Our life (with its soul/spirit being wrapped in a new glorified body ("House")

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IV. Superior by <u>Deposit</u> (v.5)
(God has given us a down-payment toward our new home)

"Earnest of the Spirit" = *arrabon* – down payment of the Spirit (cp. 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:14)
Ephesians 1:13-14
In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The sealing of the Spirit marks us as <u>Christ's Property</u>

A seal served at least three purposes in Bible times. It marked:

1. <u>Authenticity</u> - It was a seal used on legal documents. Our salvation is <u>authentic</u>.

2. <u>Protection</u> - A seal was used to make something <u>secure</u> (Mt. 27:66) or to keep something <u>guarded</u> or <u>protected</u> (Rev. 10:4).

3. <u>Ownership</u> - The seal marked something as one's <u>property</u> (Rev. 7:3-8)
We are God's special possession.
The sealing of the Spirit <u>guarantees</u> the believer <u>Eternal Life</u>

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V. Superior by <u>Destiny</u> (v.6-8)
(To leave home here is to be at home with Christ there!)

v. 8
"Willing rather" - When this earthly "tent" gets old and loses its appeal, all of God's children <u>prefer</u> or <u>wish rather</u> to be at home with the Lord Jesus Christ. God has us here for a purpose. When His purpose is complete, He will cut the "silver cord" and our spirit will rise out of this body to meet Christ.

The believer's soul/spirit which leaves his/her body at death.

See: Phil. 1:21-25