

## Why We Are of Good Courage

### Verse 1: “A House Not Made with Hands”

**Mark 14:58** “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.”

#### **John 2:19 - 22**

**19** Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

**20** The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”

**21** But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

**22** When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

#### **Hebrews 9:11 - 12**

**11** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)

**12** he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

### Verse 2: “In This Tent, We Groan”

#### **Romans 8:22 – 24**

**22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

**23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

**24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

### Key concept: Biblically, the body is referred to as a building that houses the human soul.

- The idea of an “intermediate state” of an immediate life after death but before resurrection is not the hope of the Bible.
  - Those concepts come to us from confections with Greco-Roman paganism, historic church traditions, and an understandable desire for immediate comfort in our grief when a loved one dies.

Consider the Contrasting parallels in this section

<b><u>This Present, Mortal, Flesh and Blood Body</u></b>	<b><u>The Coming, Eternal, Resurrection Body</u></b>
Tent (vs. 1, 2, 4)	A building from God / A house not made with hands (vs. 1)
Earthly home (vs. 1)	Heavenly dwelling (vs. 2)
At home in the body / Away from the Lord (vs. 6)	Away from the body / At home with the Lord (vs. 8)
Faith (vs. 7)	Sight (vs. 7)
Away [from the Lord we aim to please] (vs. 9)	At home [with the Lord we aim to please] (vs.9)
What he has done in the body (vs. 10)	Appear before the Judgment seat (vs. 10)



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### **Verse 4: “What is Mortal may be Swallowed up by Life”**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:53 - 54**

**53** For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

**54** When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<b><u>In Death</u></b>	<b><u>In Resurrection</u></b>
Naked / Unclothed (vs. 3, 4)	Further clothed (vs. 4)
What is mortal (vs. 4)	Swallowed up by life (vs. 4)

### **Verse 5: Given Us the Spirit as a Guarantee”**

Guarantee (arrhabōn): an earnest, a deposit, given as a pledge - full redemption is coming

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1:21 – 22**

**21** And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,

**22** and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee(arrhabōn).

**Ephesians 1:13 – 14**

**13** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

**14** who is the guarantee(arrhabōn) of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

### **Verse 7: “Walk by Faith, not by Sight”**

**John 20:29** Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:8 - 9**

**8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

**9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



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### **Verse 10: “We Must All Appear Before the Judgment Seat of Christ”**

Judgment Seat (bēma): the official seat of a judge to before which one stands to be either rewarded or penalized

**Act 18:12** But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal (*bēma*)

