



“CONFIDENT IN THE FACE OF DEATH”

Series: “WINNING WAYS: What Champions Know and Do”, Part 5 of 9
Sunday, June 30, 2024, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

Big Idea: We can live confidently in the face of death because the historicity of His resurrection ensures the futurity of our resurrection.

“Our new constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” Benjamin Franklin

I. THE BIBLE ASSURES THE TRUE CHRIST-FOLLOWER THAT THE LIFE TO COME IS BETTER BY FAR THAN THIS ONE.

Philippians 1:23-24, “I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.”

2 Corinthians 5:1-2, “Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling.”

2 Corinthians 5:4, “For 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 dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.”

John 14:1-3, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

II. GOD GUARANTEES WHAT IS TO COME BY GIVING US THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A DEPOSIT.

2 Corinthians 5:5, “Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

Romans 8:11, "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you."

III. HE TELLS US THAT TO BE AWAY FROM THE BODY IS TO BE AT HOME WITH THE LORD.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8, "Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

Matthew 16:27, "For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done."

1 Corinthians 15:55, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"