### 2 Corinthians

## Chapter 5

1[Here’s one thing] we know [for sure]:  
  
If our earthly ‘home’ (this bodyIf our earthly ‘home’ (this body<sup class="difference">[Syr]) would be destroyed, we’d still have a ‘house’ from God (not made by hands) that lasts throughout the ages…  
  
2Also, we sigh over this because we yearn to be clothed in that ‘house’ from heaven 3(besides, even when clothed, we exist ‘naked’).(besides, even when clothed, we exist ‘naked’).<sup class="difference">[Syr] 4While we’re [still] in this ‘house’,While we’re [still] in this ‘house’,<sup class="difference">[Syr] we sigh from the weight of it... Yet we don’t really want to take it off, instead, we keep wearing it, swallowing down its death in [one’s] life.  
  
5Now, God has prepared us for this, and He’s given us a down payment… His Breath... 6So thanks to this, we know and are convincedSo thanks to this, we know and are convinced<sup class="difference">[Syr] that as long as we’re at home in the body, we aren’t with our that as long as we’re at home in the body, we aren’t with our<sup class="difference">[Syr] Lord.  
  
7Yes, we walk by faith, not by what we can see... 8So because of this we’re trustingSo because of this we’re trusting<sup class="difference">[Syr] and are happy to leave this body and be with and are happy to leave this body and be with<sup class="difference">[Syr] our our<sup class="difference">[Syr] Lord. 9And we love the fact that whether we’re in this home or we leave it, we still please him!  
  
10For we’ll all stand before the Anointed One’s judgment seat, and a man is rewarded in the body [based on] whatever he did, whether good or foul.  
  
  
11So, since we know the fear of ourSo, since we know the fear of our<sup class="difference">[Syr] Lord, we’re persuading people [to turn to him]. We’re then revealing to God, I think, Lord, we’re persuading people [to turn to him]. We’re then revealing to God, I think,<sup class="difference">[Syr] [what sort of people we are] and also to you, too, 12so we won’t have to prove ourselves to you [again]… And then you’ll have reasons to boast about us, and [you’ll also have something to offer] those who are more influenced by what we look like, and not by [what’s really in the] heart.  
  
13So we’ll either be crazy for God, or sensible for you.  
  
14The Anointed One’s love urges us to consider this: that one person died on everyone else’s behalf, therefore, all of us have ‘died’ 15and he died for all of us. So the living shouldn’t live for themselves [anymore],and he died for all of us. So the living shouldn’t live for themselves [anymore],<sup class="difference">[Syr] but for him – yes, [the one] who died for them and stood up [again].  
  
16So from now on, we don’t recognize anybody in a human way (even if we knew the Anointed One in a human way, we certainly don’t know him that way anymore) 17because, whoever is in the Anointed One is a new creation! Yes, the old things have passed away, and they’ve all been renewed 18by God, who’s restored us to a good relationship with Himself through the Anointed One.  
  
So now, [God] has assigned us to a ministry [dedicated to] this restored relationship with Him!  
  
19Yes – God, through the Anointed One, has broughtYes – God, through the Anointed One, has brought<sup class="difference">[Syr] the world back into a good relationship with Himself and his majesty, the world back into a good relationship with Himself and his majesty,<sup class="difference">[Syr] by no longer holding their sins against them, and He’s put the message of this reconciliation within us.  
  
20We are, therefore, ambassadors for the Anointed One – yes, as if God was calling [people] through us. Yes, we’re begging them to come back to a [good] relationship with God on the Anointed One’s behalf. 21He made the one who didn’t know sin [to become] ‘sin,’ so that we can become God’s ‘righteousness’ along with him.