

## *(We Know)*

In **2nd Cor chapter 5 verse 1** The Apostle Paul says “**For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**” Paul begins with a very confident statement, by saying we know. By viewing life spiritually Paul recognizes something, he realizes at this time as should we today that the Lord may return before we die but if He does not, Paul firmly believes the truth and certainty that if our earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved we have something else. In studying the Old Testament concerning the tabernacle we see in **Exodus 25:8** It is said of God “**Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.**” The Hebrew word is (Heb. mishap, "the dwelling-place");—here it is used symbolically of the body as a dwelling place or sanctuary for the soul. Peter uses this term in describing his physical body in this same sense over in **2nd Peter chapter 1: 13-14**. It wasn't a matter of whether or not this body, this tabernacle, or dwelling place for our soul would be dissolved, he acknowledges back in **2nd Cor 4:16** that our outward man perishes. Barring a return from the Lord this house deteriorates and breaks down. Despite that we are certain, without a doubt, that we have a building of God, a house not made by hands. This reveals to us a very important truth. This dwelling place which Paul is confident in here is not a physical dwelling place or a material one. This building is one of God, a house not made by hands. No hands are needed because no physical material is being used and here's the comfort, it is eternal in Heaven. Paul knows this and so can we if we do as he did in **Chapter 4 verse 18** not looking at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. The literal translation says “*were not considering the things being seen, but the things not being seen, for the things being seen (this earthly house, this tabernacle) we know these things are not lasting, but the things being not seen, (A building from God, a house not made with, hands, these things not being seen are everlasting.*” Eternally being in the presence of and worshipping the God we love. Just as Paul here, we to can be confident if remain faithful unto death. We can boldly say I know.

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