

# **Hungry and Homesick for Heaven**

**II Corinthians 5:1-8**

# Bringing the Text to Light

## We know (vs. 1)

- **Context** – see 4:7-9 and 4:16-18
- **A Tent – fitting metaphor of the body...**
  - Simple, humble dwelling... temporary... designed to be taken down.
  - See [Heb 11:13-16](#).
- **To be replaced by something far superior...**
  - A solid building, an eternal and glorious Heavenly home!
  - See [Phil 3:20-21](#); [Phil 1:23](#) – *more better by far!*

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## We know (vs. 1)

## We long (vs. 2-5)

### Eager anticipation

- see Rom 8:18-28
- “on tiptoes to see the wonderful sight...”

### Multiple metaphors to express it...

- Longing for a new set of clothes
- Wanting not to be naked, but well clothed
- Looking to be ‘swallowed-up’ into something far better

### God’s glorious good for us is guaranteed!

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**We know (vs. 1)**

**We long (vs. 2-5)**

**We prefer (vs. 6-8)**

- **Prefer life after death to life before death, sooner rather than later!**
  - **II Cor 5:8**
  - **Phil 2:21-23**

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## Applying the Text to Life

- *We do not despise this life, disregard its joys, or seek to hasten it's end. On the contrary...!*
- *We must take care to not be too full to hunger after God...*
- *The good life now is not our friend if it keeps us from preferring the best life to come...*
- *This is not intended to beat us up, but to stir us up... that we might seek and savor God above all else.*