

Hope Beyond the Grave

(2 Cor. 5:2-10)

Introduction:

- Hardships of ministry bring death to Paul's mind.

- What are some things which cause thoughts of death to arise?

- How does the Christian face these thoughts and realities?

- What are some truths revealed in this text?

- 1. Beyond the grave we are clothed with glorified body (vv.2-4)
 - This is Paul's meaning of the "tent" image.

 - There are 3 stages in this "clothing" metaphor:
 - alive – residing in the tent

 - dead – unclothed

- clothed upon/with – transformation of the body
at the return of Christ.