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**Title: Absent from the body, present  
with the Lord**

**2 Corinthians 5:5-8**

**God placed His Spirit in the hearts of  
the apostles (2 Corinthians 5:5) and  
prepared them for the future. They had  
no fear of death, and neither should we.**

**God will praise those who do not love  
their lives so much that they are  
unwilling to give them up: Matthew  
16:24-28; Revelation 12:7-11**

**In context, to be absent from the body (2  
Corinthians 5:6) means to physically  
die. Where do we go when we die? The  
Lord's presence: Luke 23:33-43**

**We long for the closeness we will enjoy  
in due time — because of that, we  
should be willing to be absent from the  
body and we should be of good courage  
(2 Corinthians 5:6).**

**Paul was ready to be absent from his  
body: Acts 21:10-14**

**Paul was ready to depart, he wrote:  
Philippians 1:20-26**

**We long for an even more intimate  
relationship with God than we have  
now: Psalm 42:1-5, Psalm 73:21-28**

**We'll have an even more wonderful one  
when depart. Praise God!**



**As long as we are in this body, we will need faith because of our hope is in something unseen. The world can't fathom a life like that, but walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).**

**The gospel of the cross is foolish to the world, remember: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

**We live by faith: Habakkuk 2:1-4**

**Faith is inextricably tied to things  
unseen: Hebrews 11:1-3**

**Blessed are they that have not seen, but  
have believed nonetheless: John  
20:19-29**

**Faith in Jesus Christ should help us  
keep our minds on things above:  
Colossians 3:1-4**

**How does Jesus Christ dwell in our hearts? By faith: Ephesians 3:14-21**

**How do we have propitiation for our  
sins? Through faith in His blood:  
Romans 3:21-26; 1 John 4:7-14**



**Paul writes that he and the apostles  
prefer to be at home with the Lord (2  
Corinthians 5:8). What does it mean to  
be present with the Lord?**

**We shall see Him: 1 John 3:1-3**

**We shall know Him as he now knows us:**

**1 Corinthians 13:8-13**

**We will be taken away from evil, and  
enter into peace.**

**Isaiah 57:1-2; Revelation 14:12-13**

## **In conclusion:**

- **Believers should not fear death**
- **Being absent isn't so bad after all if  
we're present elsewhere**
- **We live by faith anticipating things  
unseen**