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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 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