

The Comforting Hope of an Intermediate Body

- I.** Our current human body:
 1. Is not saved, yet (1 Cor. 15:53);
 2. Is subject to death (Heb. 9:27).
 3. The body dies, not the person (Jam. 2:26).
 4. When it dies, the dead body awaits resurrection (Jn. 5:28-29).

- II.** What happens for a Christian after the body dies?
 1. The individual's soul and spirit are transported by angels to be present with Christ in the Third Heaven (Lu. 16:22; Phil. 1:23-24).
 2. Christ currently sits on the Father's Throne (Rev. 3:21).

- III.** What is the Christian's existence like after leaving the earthly body?
 1. Our earthly body is called a tent-house (2 Cor. 5:1).
 2. When we leave this earthly tent, we have a building from God.
 3. This (*new*) building-house is not hand-crafted.
 4. It is eternal, outside of the created universe.
 5. It is a building-house **in** **heavens**.

- IV.** The intermediate, or in between body does not replace our future body of glory (2 Cor. 5:2).
 1. In our earthly body we are groaning.
 2. We sigh because we are longing to put on a manner of dwelling which is **out from heaven** (*cf.* 1 Cor. 15:51-52).

- V.** No matter what, we will never be without a body and will always function as a person (2 Cor. 5:3).
 1. Metaphorically we will always be clothed.
 2. We will never be found without a body.

- VI.** The sequence of advancement.
Tent-house → Building-house → Way of dwelling