



Study Questions

Message: “Graves into Gardens: The Resilience of the Resurrection.”

Speaker: Pastor Dave

Series: “The Resilient Life.”

Date: 4/20/25 (Easter Sunday)

Text: 2 Cor 5:1-17

1. What does Paul mean when he refers to our earthly body as a “tent” (v.1)? How does this image shape your view of life and death?
2. In verses 2–4, Paul describes a longing to be “clothed” with our heavenly dwelling. How would you describe the tension between the “already” and the “not yet” in your spiritual life?
3. Verse 5 says God has “given us the Spirit as a guarantee.” How does the Holy Spirit give you confidence or assurance in your faith journey?
4. What does it mean to “walk by faith, not by sight” (v.7)? What are some practical ways you’ve had to do that recently?
5. Paul says, “We make it our aim to please him” (v.9). What might it look like in your life to truly live to please Christ?
6. Verse 10 speaks of the judgment seat of Christ. How should this truth affect our daily decisions, attitudes, and relationships?
7. In verse 11, Paul says, “Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others.” What role does the fear of the Lord play in your motivation to share the gospel?
8. Verses 14–15 speak of Christ’s love compelling us and living no longer for ourselves. How does Christ’s love shape your identity and purpose?
9. Paul says in verse 16 that we no longer regard anyone “according to the flesh.” What does that mean in practice, and how might it challenge how you view others?
10. Verse 17 is a powerful statement: “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.” How do you see this truth at work in your own life or in someone you know?