07 – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 - The difference death makes

… tents are fragile, temporary shelters

… the direct opposition he is facing

So, what keeps Paul going?

A clear perspective

… that life on earth is not all that there is.

Verse 1. … replaced with an eternal house built by God

Verse 2 … clothed with the heavenly dwelling.

Verse 4 … the eternal heavenly home swallows up the vulnerable naked mortality of life.

1 Cor 15 - resurrection body = the heavenly dwelling.

A confident hope

verse 5 … our future hope of heaven and of the Spirit being a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come

What this passage is saying about the Spirit and what it is not saying.

The Spirit is given to us by God – see v 5.

Not talking about spiritual gifts

Verse 6 … fills Paul with confidence.

Verse 8 … his ‘heart’s desire’

“Living by faith, not by sight” = not blind allegiance … but his heavenly body was not his yet

Clear direction on how to live

Verse 9-10 … clear direction on how he was living

Firstly - his goal is to live in a way that pleases God.

Secondly… remember judgement is to come

So, what does Paul mean?

… NOT judgement that might condemn us to hell.

… but evaluation of the good deeds God wants us to do.

… an evaluation for things done that are both good and bad.

See 1 Cor 3:1-15

* Poor works done in the body will be exposed and burnt.
* Good works.
  + please God
  + rewards in heaven

For us today

“How does your future hope shape your actions now?”

… world history is actually purposeful and heading somewhere

… world we live in is not the “be all” and “the end all” of our existence.

How does verse 9 encourage us to live in a way that pleases God?