### **DRESSED & READY**

Part 19: Eternity Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

#### 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

As Christ followers, we must have a mind set on eternity. We are going to

be	with a new body when we transfer into heaven.
• John 3:15	Everyone can have eternal life
<ul> <li>John 5:24</li> </ul>	Crossing over
<ul> <li>Romans 6:23</li> </ul>	Eternal life is a gift
<ul> <li>John 10:28</li> </ul>	Will not be snatched from His hand
• John 17:3	To know Him
• Titus 1:2	Promised eternal life

John 5:24 (NLT) "I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

Titus 1:2 ...a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time...

## 2 Timothy 1:10

By His life, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_ what eternal life looks like.

Luke 23:43 Today you will be with me
John 8:51,52 You will not experience death

• John 11:26 You will not die

John 8:51,52 (NLT) "I assure you, anyone who obeys my teaching will never die!" (52) The people said, "Now we know you are possessed by a demon. Even Abraham and the prophets died, but you say that those who obey your teaching will never die!"

#### John 14:1-4

The Lord has prepared a place for us to \_\_\_\_\_\_ eternally.

• Luke 16:19-31 Lazarus

• Luke 9:28-36 Transfiguration

• Luke 20:27-40 Like angels

#### Revelation 22:1-6

# What are we going to be doing for eternity?

Colossians 3:4 We will appear with him
Philippians 3:20 Citizenship in heaven

• Matthew 25:14-30 Talents

Luke 19:11-27 Rule over cities
Revelation 5:10 Reign with Him

Colossians 3:4 (NLT) And when Christ, who is your real life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

#### John 3:35, 36

### Eternal life is a gift, but it must be received by faith.

• Romans 10:9 Believe and confess

• Ephesians 2:8,9 Grace gift

• John 3:15-17 Believe in Him -- will have eternal life

John 3:15-17 (NKJV) "...that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

#### **Confession of Faith in Christ**

Father, in Jesus' Name, I acknowledge my need for You. I admit that I have been trying to do everything on my own and I am now ready to turn from my ways to Your ways. I acknowledge my sin and ask for Your forgiveness and cleansing. I repent and I desire Your Lordship in my life and I open my heart to You and ask You into my life right now. I believe that You walked on this earth, died on the cross for my brokenness and rose from the grave for my victory. I receive You as my personal Savior and Lord and I will walk in Your strength. I ask You to help me walk a life that pleases You. I am not ashamed to be called a Christian and I thank You for receiving me as Your child in Jesus' Name.

# **D12 Discussion Points**

- 1. Allow people to share about their view of heaven.
- 2. Take the account in Matthew 25 and Luke 19 and apply to now and to eternity.
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-9. Discuss it and the scriptures in the section under it.
- 4. Pray the "Confession of Faith in Christ" together and have people give testimony of when they first said the "Sinner's Prayer."

# **Prayer of Agreement**

Pray that the eyes of our loved ones will be open to the goodness of God and that they will acknowledge His Lordship in their lives.