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THE *Second Letter* OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

*“Living For Heaven”*

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- ◆ **Earthly house** — *mortal “body”*
  - ◆ *Earthen vessel* - 4:10
  - ◆ *Outward man perishing* - 4:16
  - ◆ *Temporary* - 4:18
- ◆ **Now** - a worn-out earthly (*epigeios*, “on the earth”) tent (*skēnous*) soon to be destroyed. - (*delivered to death ... mortal bodies* 4:11; *Outward man perishing* 4:16) - 2 Pet 1:13



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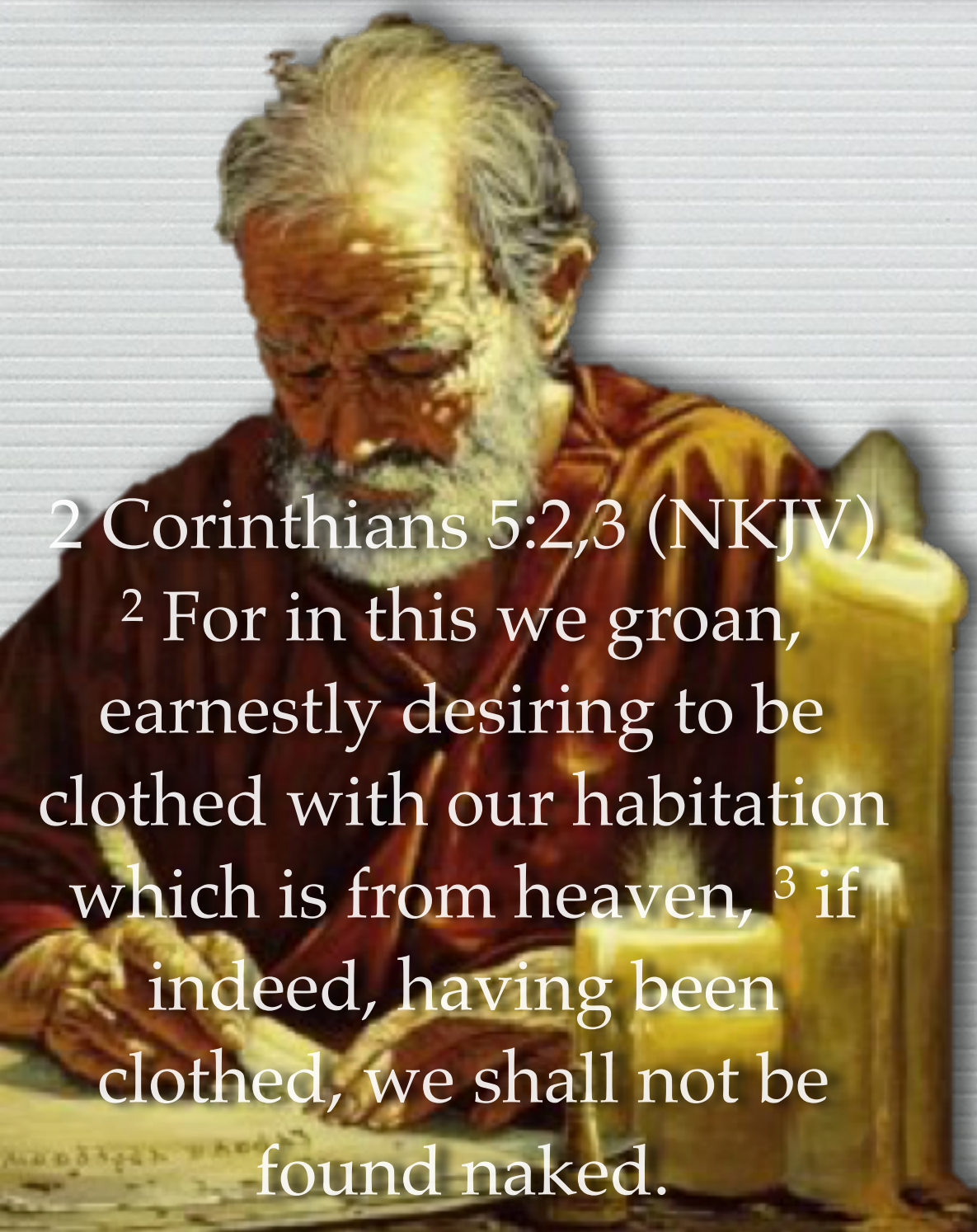
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- ◆ **“a building from God” - 5:1**
- ◆ *“will be raised up with Jesus and presented with you” - 4:14*
- ◆ *far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory - 4:17*
- ◆ *Eternal (not seen) - 4:18*
- ◆ **“a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” - spiritual - heavenly**  
*- cf 1 Cor 15:42-44; 1 Pet 1:3-6*



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2 Corinthians 5:2,3 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, <sup>3</sup> if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.

- ♦ **“In this we groan” - 5:2**
  - ♦ In the body we suffer - (5:4; cf. Rom. 8:22–23)
- ♦ **“earnestly desiring to be clothed.” - 5:2,3**
  - ♦ *Paul desired to be invested with the spiritual, & undecaying body - his eternal abode in heaven.*
  - ♦ *All such groaning will give place to joy and exultation (cf. Luke 6:21; 1 Cor. 15:51–55; Phil 3:21)*



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## Temporary Tent or Eternal House - (5:1-4)



2 Corinthians 5:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

- ◆ What is mortal will be swallowed up by life in *immortal, imperishable spiritual* bodies in heaven (Phil. 3:21).
- ◆ For Paul his present mortal life was hard, marked by humiliation and privation - His suffering helped focus his mind & longings upon the eternal glory that awaited him? (2 Cor. 4:17-18)



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## Assurance of The Resurrection - (5:5-8)



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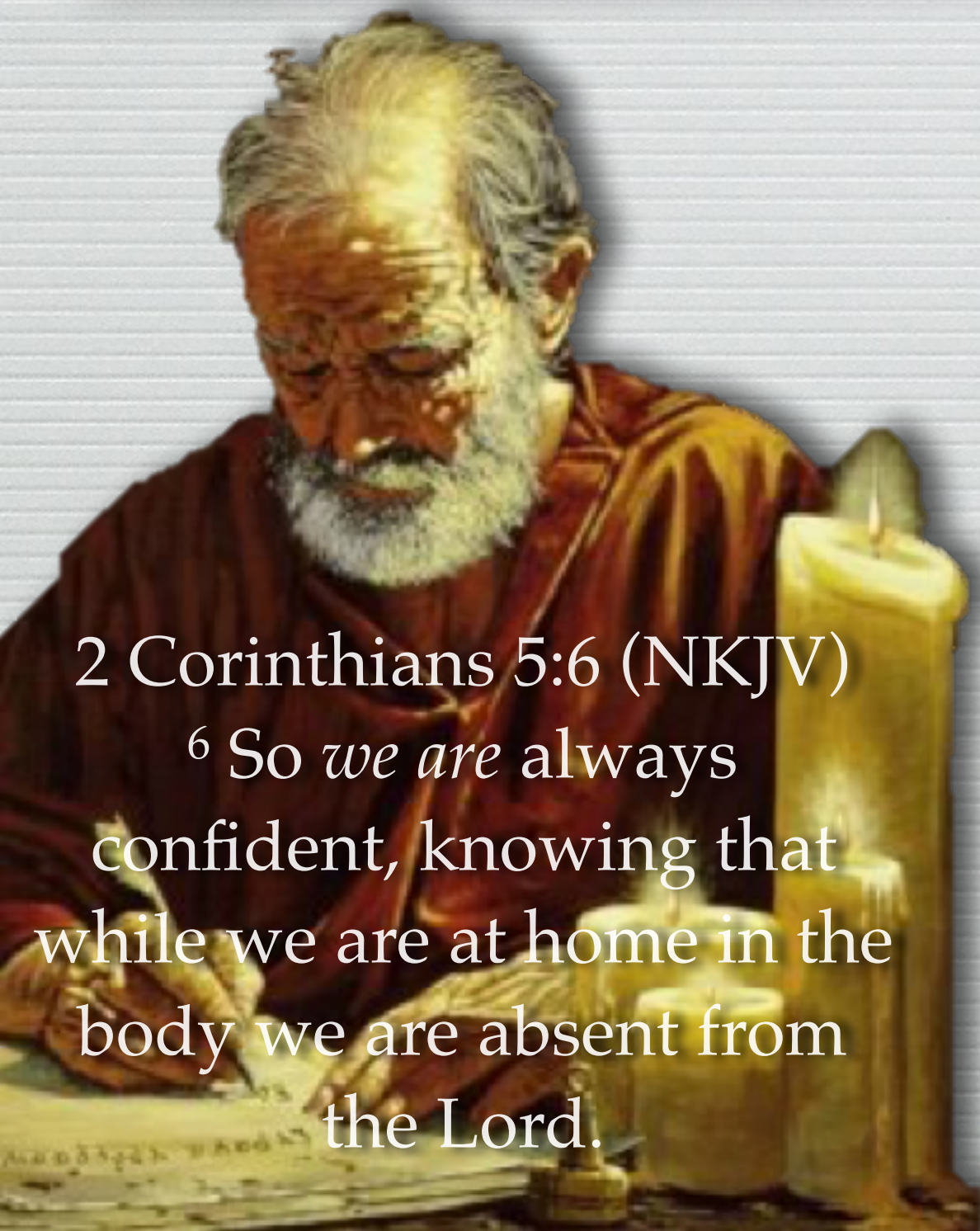
<sup>5</sup> Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

- ◆ God has, through Christ and His work, made the resurrection and eternal life with Him possible - (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8-10; 2 Tim 1:10)
- ◆ The process was in progress - (2 Cor 3:18; 5:17; Eph 4:24; Col. 3:10; Rom 8:28-32)
- ◆ The Holy Spirit was given as a guarantee of life - (Rom 8:9-17; Eph 1:13-14)



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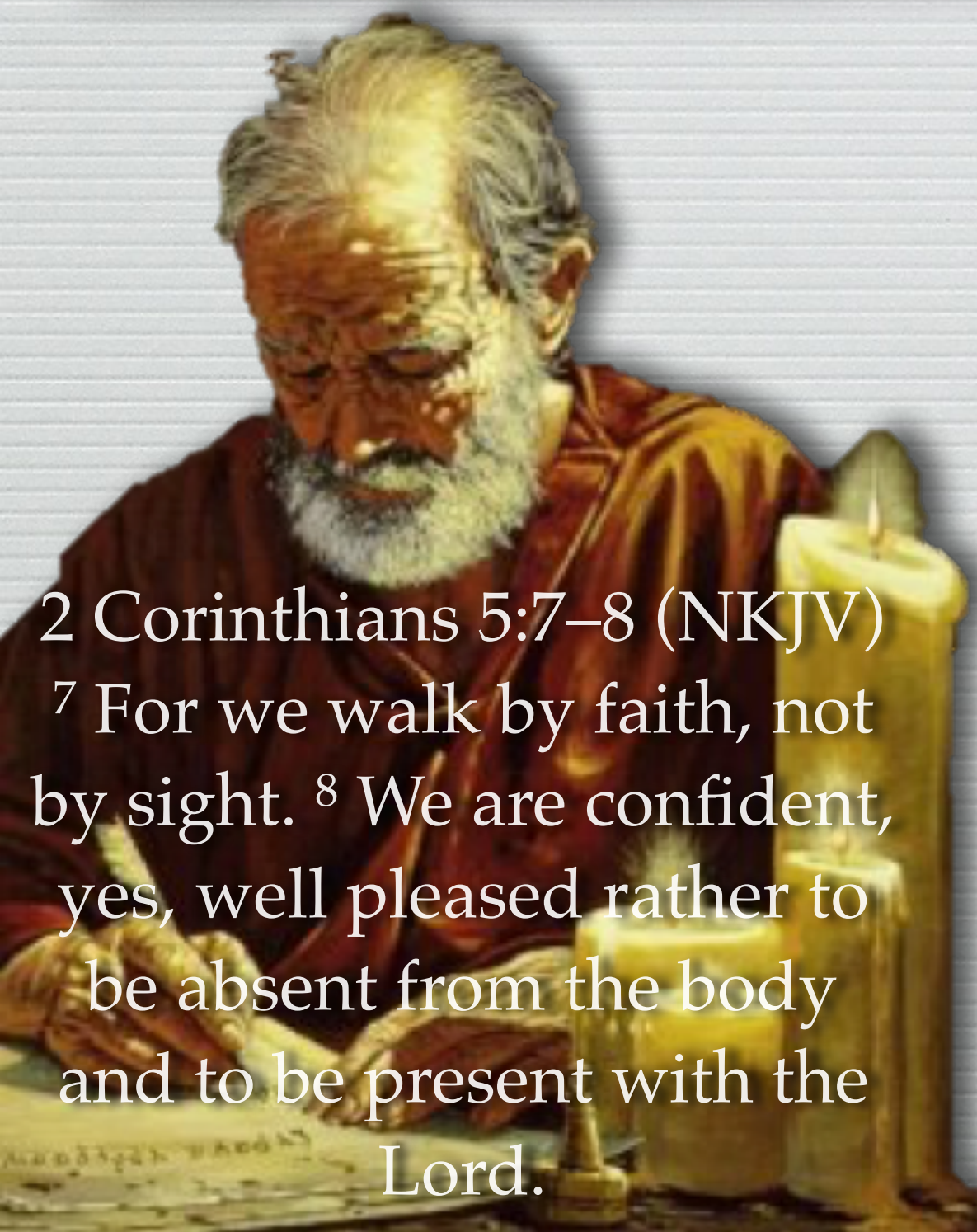
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- ✦ Confidence in the truth that "No matter what may happen to my body, absolutely nothing can happen to ME!" - (Rom 8:31-39)
- ✦ To be at home in the body means to dwell in "the earthly tent" (5:1), to be outwardly "wasting away" (4:16), to be in a state of mortality away from the immediate presence of the Lord (cf. 1 Cor. 13:12).



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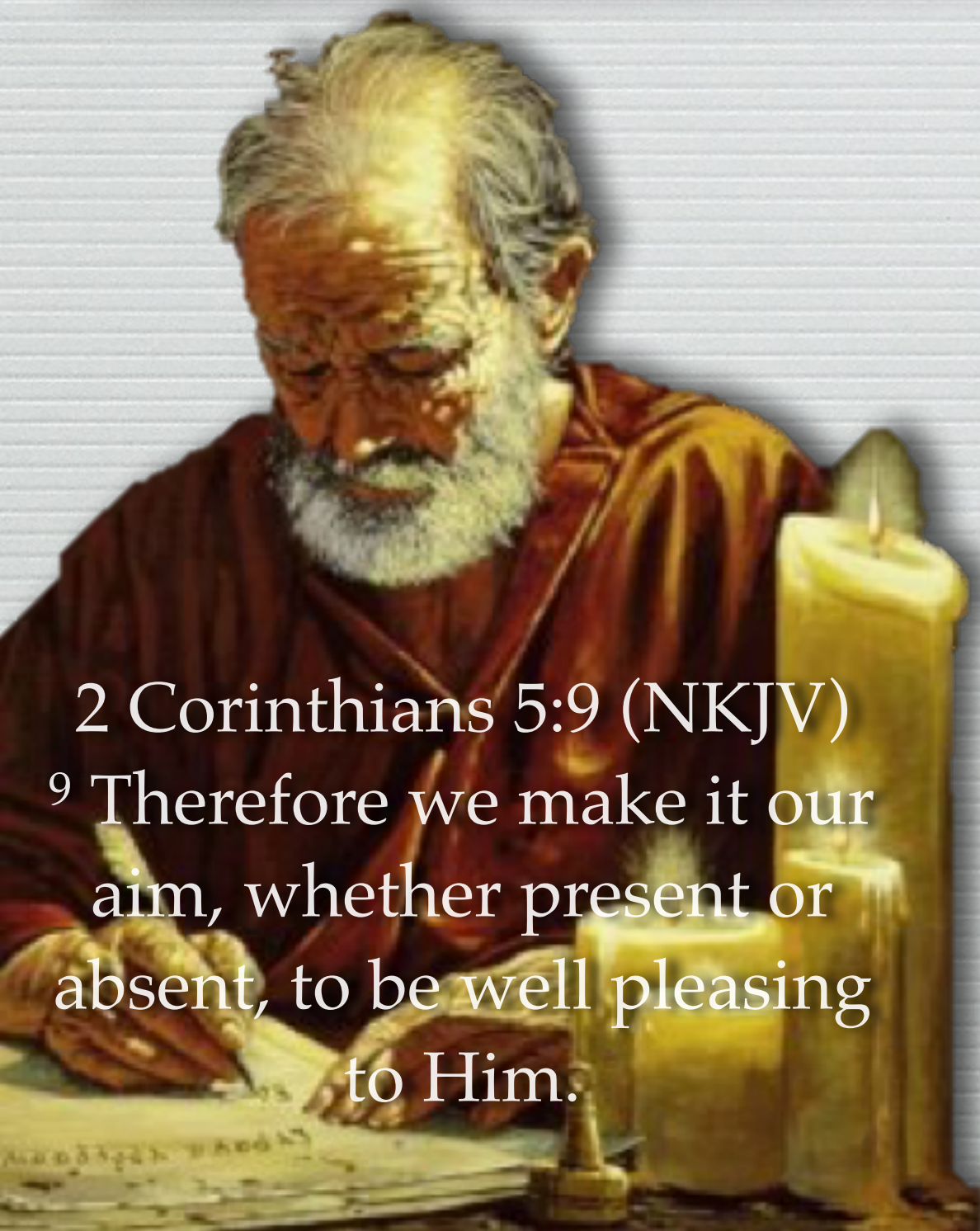
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- ♦ To walk by faith is to walk by what God says - because we trust what He says - (Rom 10:17; Heb 11:1,6)
- ♦ It means to be obedient to God's commands despite the hardships that obedience produces (e.g., 2 Cor. 11:23–29).
- ♦ Paul looked forward to the day when his hope would be swallowed up by sight - (Rom 8:18-25)



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<sup>9</sup> Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

- ◆ Motivating Paul in this perseverance was his main goal in life — to please his Lord (cf. Gal. 1:10; Col. 1:10)
- ◆ Regardless what men may do to him - what men may think of him - whether he was in their presence or absent - he constantly and continuously sought to please the Lord - (1 Cor. 9:26,27; 1 Ti. 4:10. He. 4:11)



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## Assurance of The Judgment - (5:9-11)



2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- ◆ **For we must all ...** This means everybody who ever lived, or ever yet shall live
- ◆ **the judgment seat of Christ** - not limited to ONLY Christians, as some suppose. The scriptures constantly speak of one judgment day - (Matthew 12:36,41,42; Luke 10:14; Mat 25:31-46; John 5:28; 11:24,25; Rom 14:10; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Heb 9:27; 2 Pet 3:10-14; Rev 20:11-15; etc.).



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- ◆ **Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, ... God will judge us - therefore we MUST give Him the reverence due Him - Eccl 12:13,14; Prov 1:7; etc.**
- ◆ **we persuade men - The purpose of his ministry was to persuade men to “be reconciled to God” (2 Cor. 5:20; Act 13:43; 18:4, 13; 19:26; 20:18–27; 26:26; 28:23. Ga. 1:10. Col. 1:28, 29. 2 Ti. 2:24–26).**



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- ◆ He followed the tactic used earlier in the letter, affirming before God the sincerity of his motives (cf. 2 Cor. 1:12, 23)
- ◆ and calling on the Corinthians to confirm this by their own experiences with him (cf. 1:14; 4:2).



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# 1 PETER 1:3–9 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.



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<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.