**Heaven Now, Heaven Then** **2 COR 5:1-8**

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* Phil 1:21-23 Paul said to live is Christ and to die is gain. My **desire** is to depart and be with Christ- which is far better.
* Acts 7:56 Stephen in the book of Acts- I see the heavens open, the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. (ready to receive him)
* 2 Kng 2:11 Elijah- didn’t even die- when out by the whirlwind into **heaven**.
* Lk 23:43 Thief- “ **today** you will be with me in paradise”
* 2 Cor 5:8- **absent** from **body** is **home** with the **Lord**
* 1 Thes 4:16 the Lord himself will descend from **heaven** with a cry of command
* Mt 26:64 you’ll see the Lord himself coming on the clouds of **heaven**
* Acts 1:11 this Jesus who was taken up from you into **heaven** will come in the same way as you saw him go into **heaven**.
* 2Pet 3:13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new **heavens** and a new earth in which righteousness dwells

**Question #1: “What is this tent”?**

 **Question #2: What is this “building”?**

**Question #3:**

**If when we die, our earthly dwelling (tent) is destroyed, and our glorified body (building) awaits us at some future time, what does it mean to be “away from the body and at home with the Lord”?**