

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for May 2, 2010**

**More Beyond**  
**2 Corinthians 5:1-5**

How did Paul's confidence in the glorious future that awaited him beyond the grave express itself in the here and now?

Paul's confidence in the glorious future that awaited him beyond the grave expressed itself initially through an intense longing (2 Corinthians 5:1-5).

Paul's confidence that a resurrection body awaited him after death was the by-product of a deep longing that he described as groaning (2 Corinthians 5:2-4).

The reason Paul's groaning to be clothed produced in him such great confidence was that he saw his groaning as a by-product of the ministry of the Spirit having been given to him as a pledge (2 Corinthians 5:5).

The word "pledge" (ARRHABON) in Modern Greek is used to refer to an engagement ring.

If we as true believers are going to experience the deep longing that can and should be manifested in our lives, we will need the Spirit of God to be continually filling us (Ephesians 5:18).

Just like a drunk person is under the control of alcohol, a Spirit filled person is under the control of the Spirit. This is what it means to be Spirit filled.

If we say that we are Spirit filled, we are saying to the best of our knowledge that we are presently submitting ourselves without exception to the will of God as expressed in the word of God by the grace of God.

May God give us the grace to be filled with His Spirit so that we might find ourselves deeply longing for the glory that is awaiting us beyond the grave.