

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for May 23, 2010**

**“More Beyond!”
2 Corinthians 5:6-8**

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 through an intense longing (2 Corinthians 5:1-5).

Paul’s confidence in the glorious future that awaited him beyond the grave expressed itself in unflinching courage (2 Corinthians 5:6-8).

Paul’s courage was enhanced by the knowledge that to be at home in the body is to be away from our real home, which is with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6).

When Paul told the Corinthians that to be home in the body was to be absent from the Lord, he was reminding them that life in this world is not the believer’s final reality.

In this life it is faith that gives reality to the things that are still hoped for and assurance concerning things that are not yet seen (Hebrews 11:1).

Paul’s ability, by the grace of God, to focus on his preference to be absent from the body so that he might be at home with the Lord filled him with unflinching courage (2 Corinthians 5:8).

May the confidence that God has given us in the glory that is awaiting us beyond the grave express itself in unflinching courage.