

# THE PASSAGE OF LIFE

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We were having morning tea outside our favourite patisserie, on a walkway where shoppers pass up and down viewing the bargains.

I couldn't but help to reflect on the lives of passers by, young of every age with their whole lives before them.

And the middle-aged, slowing down but getting quality out of life's experiences.

And there were the elderly, some on sticks, walking slowly, leaning over a bit, but determined to carry out their shopping tasks and then go home.

In his 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter to the Corinthians, Paul calls our bodies an earthly tent which does its job in life, but gradually wears out.

This is our human condition. God has given us these human flesh bodies for life but not forever.

As our human tent wears out, God gives us a spiritual body which lasts forever.

He who has prepared us for this very thing is He who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Paul concludes thus: *"So we are always confident. Even though we know that while we are at home with the body we are away from the Lord-for we walk not by sight but by faith. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So that whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him."*

## Reflection:

Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5: 1-10 and make it a discussion topic at a Bible study.