

The image features a dark, starry background with numerous white and green dots of varying sizes. Several thin, yellow-green lines radiate from the center, creating a sense of depth and light. The title 'LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL' is centered in the image. The word 'LIGHT' is rendered in a large, yellow, outlined font. Below it, the words 'OF THE GOSPEL' are written in a smaller, white, outlined font. The overall aesthetic is clean, modern, and spiritual.

LIGHT  
OF THE GOSPEL



# OUR HEAVENLY DWELLING

2 Corinthians 5:1-10



*For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

*— vs 1*



***So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.***

***– 1 Corinthians 15:42-44***



*For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,*

*— vs 2*



***For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.***

***– Romans 8:18-22***



*And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

*– Romans 8:23*



*if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened – not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.*

*– vv 3-4*



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

*— vs 5*



*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

*– 2 Corinthians 3:18*



***So we are always of good courage.***

***– vs 6***



***We know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.***

***– vv 6-7***



***Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be  
away from the body and at home with the Lord.***

**— vs 8**



***For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.***

***– Philippians 1:21-24***





*So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.*

*— vs 9*



***For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.***

***– vs 10***



***“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”***

***— John 5:24***

***But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.***

***— Romans 5:8-9***

***Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the the only Son of God.***

***— John 3:18***



*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
and are justified by his grace as a gift*

*– Romans 3:23-24*



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***“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”***

***– Matthew 6:19-21***



**“Even though there will be degrees of reward in heaven, the joy of each person will be full and complete for eternity. If we ask how this can be when there are different degrees of reward, it simply shows that our perception of happiness is based on the assumption that happiness depends on what we possess or the status or power that we have. In actuality, however, our true happiness consists in delighting in God and rejoicing in the status and recognition that he has given us.**



**It would be morally and spiritually beneficial for us to have a greater consciousness of this clear New Testament teaching on degrees of heavenly reward. Rather than making us competitive with one another, it would cause us to help and encourage one another that we all may increase our heavenly reward, for God has an infinite capacity to bring blessing to us all, and we are all members of one another. We would more eagerly heed the admonition of the author of Hebrews, '*Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near*' (Hebrews 10:24-25).**



**Moreover, in our own lives a heartfelt seeking of future heavenly reward would motivate us to work wholeheartedly for the Lord at whatever task he calls us to, whether great or small, paid or unpaid. It would also make us long for his approval rather than for wealth or success. It would motivate us to work at building up the church on the one foundation, Jesus Christ.”**

**— Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology***



The background is a dark, textured space filled with numerous small, glowing particles in shades of green and white. Several thin, parallel yellow lines stretch across the scene from left to right, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and ethereal.

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