

Series "Strength In Weakness"
"Life Worth Living"
2 Corinthians 5:9-21
Study-8

2 Corinthians 5:13

2 Corinthians 3-7 Paul is speaking about the glory of the ministry.

The Body Being A Temporary Tent Verses The Permanent House: Paul spoke about the Believer's Death, And He Now speaks of the Believer Living. Belief in God brings motivation and purpose to life.

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Believer Has The Highest Ambition For Living Life; It Is Pleasing And Loving The Lord."

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| 1. Verses 9 | Pleasing Of The Lord |
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1. Verse 9 Pleasing Of The Lord:

2 Corinthians 5:9 Therefore

Context - Paul just spoke about the frailty of our bodies that houses the glory of God. Our bodies will perish, but God has a new body for us.

we also have as our ambition,
speaking not only for himself but for all true believers.

Wanting to go to heaven should never keep us from our responsibilities on earth.

ambition, "*our desire, our aim, to love, to honor, to please*" English word
Motor – Get "*Motivation*" **Drive**

whether at home (On Earth) **or absent,** (In Heaven) **to be pleasing to Him.**

to be pleasing to Him. We are to live to please the Lord! **Hebrews 11:6**

When we trust God and rely on Him, it brings pleasure to God.

2. Verse 10 Reward Of The Lord:

2 Corinthians 5:10 For

That our ambition is to please the Lord here and in eternity!

we must all appear – "*to be revealed*" (**Not just show up or stand**)
That God will reveal our hearts as to the motives for our relationship.

judgment seat - Greek word **Bema** – *“Herod built a structure resembling a throne platform at Caesarea, from which he viewed the games and made speeches to the people. It was a judge’s seat*

**we must all appear (Judged inside out by God)
Only Christians Stand Before “The Judgment Seat Of Christ”
(To Christians) Romans 14:10-12
(To Christians) 1 Corinthians 3:12-15**

**A Believer’s Deeds Will Be Judged:
so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body,
according to what he has done, whether good or bad.**

**Non-Christian At The Great White Throne Judgment Sin:
Revelation 20:11-13**

**Serving for reward is a good motive but not the ultimate motive.
Serving out of love is the ultimate motive!**

3. Verses 11-13 Fear Of The Lord:

2 Corinthians 5:11 Therefore,
we will be judged for our works and the motives of our hearts.

knowing the fear of the Lord, A godly reverence for God.

**We are referring to the fear that my behavior will mess up my
relationship with Him.**

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;

and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.
Our first concern is that of God knowing! I hope that our actions are written
on our hearts! **Proverbs 16:7**

2 Corinthians 5:12 **We are not again commending ourselves**
The only reason that Paul brings himself into the letter is because he had
been falsely accused

**so that you will have an answer for those who take pride in
appearance, and not in heart.**

That the false teachers’ focus was external and not the internal.

2 Corinthians 5:13 **For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God;**
Paul had such great zeal for the Lord; he was accused of being crazy.
Acts 26:24; Mark 3:21

if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

Paul was being accused of being too serious.

4. Verses 14-17 Love Of The Lord:

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ What love of Christ?

1. Christ's love for me;

2. My love for Him! That He loves me, leads me to love Him.

controls us the idea of "*pushing together, to pull together, to hold together, encompass, is so it won't fall apart.*"

1 Corinthians 10:13 escape – Nautical Term was used of sailors that would lighten their ship during a storm by throwing overboard weighty cargo. (In order to live, escape death)

having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 1 Corinthians 15:3

2 Corinthians 5:15 and He died for all, No limited atonement. All means All! What we do. **so that they who live might no longer live for themselves,**

2 Corinthians 5:16 Therefore, since Jesus Christ loves us and died for us. We now live for Him!

yet now we know Him thus no longer. Paul, along with some of his readers, had met Jesus and had heard Him speak.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, (We live for the Lord because He died for us, We know him spiritually). **if anyone is in Christ, Is this true of us?**

the old things passed away;

My goals, my priorities change, relationships change.

behold, new things have come. When God takes He replaces:

5. Verses – 18-21 Calling Of The Lord:

2 Corinthians 5:18 Now all these things are from God,

The plan of salvation is from God. The change in our lives, and witness, is from Him.

reconciliation – "*to change thoroughly, restoration, made an equivalent.*"

and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

All that have been saved have been given this ministry.

We are called by God to bring about a relationship with God and man.

2 Corinthians 5:19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, God initiated salvation, through sending His Son!

not counting their trespasses against them,
this is the peace plan with God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 Therefore,
God wants us together and has given us the ministry to allow others to come to God.

we are ambassadors for Christ, Representatives of another nation.

Ambassadors are chosen,
and Christ had chosen Paul to be His representative.

Ambassadors are protected.
An ambassador must be a citizen of the nation

Ambassadors are held accountable. Ambassadors represent their countries and say what they are instructed to say.

Ambassadors are called home before war is declared.
God has not yet declared war on this wicked world, but one day He will.

2 Corinthians 5:21 to be sin on our behalf, Jesus was sinless, but God made Him sin in that all of our sins that had and ever would be committed were placed on Jesus.

so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
The riches of God were then placed on us! This is when God declares the guilty, guiltless.

Adoption - is the picture of God taking me as a loving father.

Reconciliation - a family brought together.

Justification – *"It is an act of God, whereby, He declares the believing sinner righteous in Christ, on the basis, of the finished work of Christ on the cross."*

Application:

- 1. Pleasing Of The Lord:** Please God.
- 2. Reward Of The Lord:** We will be rewarded for our deeds and right hearts.
- 3. Fear Of The Lord:** We don't want to hurt the Lord we love.
- 4. Love Of The Lord:** Because of Him, we should behave differently.
- 5. Calling Of The Lord:** We want others to join us for eternity.