

Let's Worship God

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2 Corinthians





Monday - 2 Corinthians 5:1-8 - Assurance of Eternal Life

Paul compares the body to a house in which the soul lives in verse 1. He's focusing on that state of our souls right at the point of death. What happens when we die? And his point is that when our physical bodies die, that our souls aren't just homeless. Paul says that upon our deaths, our souls are immediately received into the glorious presence of God, we immediately go to that home, that harbor that God gives to us. Just think of what Jesus said to the disciples in John chapter 14. "In my Father's house there are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am you may be also." He is confessing and promising that there is a home, there is a house for us upon our deaths. He promises that He would come and take us to that home. The emphasis is not on pearly gates or streets of gold, but the emphasis is upon who we will find in that heavenly house. The weight of glory and the house to which we are received is the house of God Himself.

Not only does God build us a house, but He clothes us. Verses 2-4 talk about the clothes that God gives to us. Paul mixes metaphors here when he says we'll be clothed in a house. It's a promise of everlasting life that Paul says evokes a longing and a desire. Paul talks about our groaning in this life. The first groaning that he mentions is the groaning of desire, the groaning of anticipation of something good that is about to arrive. For Paul and for all Christians, God has given us something real and substantial in which to place our hope. Paul says, even if the outward man is perishing, our hope isn't in strength of man, body or mind. Our hope is that Jesus Christ saves. In verse 4, Paul talks about a different type of groaning. Does Paul long for death? No, he longs for something else. He longs for mortality to be swallowed up in life. He longs for the frailty, the effects of sin, and for death to be done away with. Paul doesn't long for death, he longs for life. He longs for that eternal life that we have with Christ in eternity. It will happen when we pass out of this life, and it will happen in the final sense when Jesus comes again, and all men are resurrected, and there will be no more death.

Question

1. What two comparisons does Paul make here?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would long for eternal life with Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Praise: Psalm 23B - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 5:1-8 - Holding to Promises

In verse 5, Paul says that God has given us the Holy Spirit as a guarantee. If you were to purchase something and put a down payment on that purchase, you would say, 'I hereby promise that I will pay in full the price of this item, and here is my down payment.' And God has given us a down payment, a guarantee of His promise to redeem in full those who belong to Him. That down payment is Himself. It's the indwelling Holy Spirit who is promised to live in us as a comforter, as a down payment of the eternal life that we have in Him.

In verses 6 through 8 Paul is speaking of the home that we have. Paul talks about walking by faith and not by sight. We don't presently see Christ or the throne room of God with our physical eyes. Those things are seen in God's Word through the eyes of faith. So while we live in this mortal life, we rest on God's promises that He will immediately receive us into heaven upon our deaths. And walking by faith and not by sight gives us confidence to live for Him, and the peace to die, knowing that we will be received by God into His presence.

Are you afraid to die? Maybe you are not a Christian. If that's the case, there can be an incredible fear of what the future holds for you. And it's right for you to fear your death because God has promised that those who rebel against Him will face an eternity of endless suffering of God's wrath. I call you to trust in Christ, to repent of your sins, and to turn to the only one who can deliver you. In Him there is a home and forgiveness. But as a believer, you also may worry, and fear, and wonder what the future will hold. We can address that fear by seeking out the promises of God. Upon our deaths, believers will be received into glory. We trust that Jesus forgives our sins, and so meditate on the promise that the Lord will receive you into His presence. You may know loved ones or you may know other believers that the indignities of aging and the frailty of a life that is affected by sin is having its way. And I would urge you to go to that one and to give them comfort, to remind them that while this house is falling apart, that there is for believers an eternal rest and an eternal home. Go to them and remind them of the promises of God, that Jesus Christ has said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there you may be also".

Question

1. What is the Holy Spirit a guarantee of?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for those struggling with the frailty of life.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Praise: Psalm 73C - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 5:9-11 - We Aim To Please

God's covenant faithfulness provokes us to obedience. It's a response that naturally makes sense. Paul's outlined the miracle of the new birth in Jesus Christ and has detailed all of these wonderful things that God has done for us. We have crossed over from death into life. He has given us the hope of everlasting life. He has assured us that upon our deaths we will pass immediately into glory. So what should our response be? Callous indifference? Paul says here that instead of a callous indifference, we respond in faith, we respond in hope, and added to that we respond in obedience to our Lord. It's this obedience that grows out of a gratefulness for what God has done for us.

A second aspect of that grateful response refers to the judgment seat of Christ. Paul says that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. If you're looking at the judgment seat of Christ from the perspective of your needing to be perfect, then it's a terrifying prospect. God demands perfect righteousness. And so it's right that God would judge those, who do not trust in Christ, according to their works in this life. But what about Christians? That perfect obedience that God demands is supplied by Jesus Christ. Jesus obeyed for us. And in our place, He suffered the wrath of God for us. He took our punishment on the cross, and He gave to us His inheritance and eternal life. Paul says not only does he look favorably upon us in a judicial sense, He declares us to be righteous, but He also receives our works as pleasing in his sight. So God rewards the wicked according to their wickedness, and He gives a reward to the righteous, those trusting in Christ, based on grace. Out of grateful obedience then, out of gratefulness for his grace, we will look to please the Lord.

Evangelism is a response to God's grace and faithfulness to us. We aim to please God through the persuading of men. We act in such a way, like Paul did, so that his conscience was clear. His actions were well known to God, he says, and he trusts they were well known before men. And so, too, our behavior in the eyes of the watching world is to promote and to show our grateful obedience for what God has done for us. Out of the overflow of our hearts, we speak of the goodness of God to us, the forgiveness of our sins. Out of the fear of the Lord, out of holy reverence, we seek to persuade men, telling them of the hope of everlasting life.

Question

1. What is our response to what Christ has done for us?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would seek to please God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Praise: Psalm 51A:5-9 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Thursday - 2 Corinthians 5:12-16 - Constrained By The Love Of Christ

Paul said in verse 11 that the fear of the Lord motivated him. It's a passage that describes a holy reverence for God that has motivated Paul to speak and to minister in the church. He now shows a second principle that motivates his ministry. It is the love of Christ. Since He died for me, I die to self and live for Christ. Paul wants to, not defend himself personally, but he wants to give answer to the Corinthian church so that they could give answer in turn to those false teachers that were coming behind and defaming Paul and more importantly defaming Christ by what they were proposing. The false teachers, Paul says in this passage, boasted in their outward appearance. They boasted in their Jewish descent or their circumcision, their outward obedience to the law. But Paul doesn't boast in that. You can change everything on the outside and have nothing different on the inside. And Paul says, 'That is not the gospel of Jesus Christ. That's not what I taught you. That's not what I want you to hold to. Hold to Jesus Christ. Boast in Him. And if you need to give answer to those false teachers, turn them to Jesus Christ. Let them know the difference between what is on the outside and what is on the inside'. Verse 13 elaborates on that when Paul describes his actions among the Corinthians. It appears that the false teachers were saying, 'He's out of his mind'. Paul says if he is this way, that he is this way for Christ and for His church. The detractors were missing both Paul's heart and they were missing what was on the inside, the message of Jesus Christ. They were focusing on the externals.

Paul says that he is constrained, compelled, controlled by the love of Christ. As we enter into a relationship with Christ, we do so recognizing that this relationship will define us forever. It will constrain us, it will compel us to live oriented towards Him in everything that we do. Since Christ has died for me, Paul can say, I die to myself and live to Him. Paul says the love of Christ constrains us because if one died for all, then all died. This is teaching that God has provided a substitute for sin, that by union with Christ, all that belong to Him receive the blessings of Christ, and die to self. We can think of that in terms of justification, that in Him our sins are covered over, and we can have great peace in His presence because of that. And we can also think of that in terms of sanctification, that since Christ has died for us, that we count ourselves as being dead to sin, and alive to Jesus Christ. Paul closes in verse 16 by saying that he is so gripped by the love of God that he judges all things by that relationship. He judges no longer by outward appearances. That's the way the world judges. That's the way he used to measure all things. But now he understands that the heart of the matter is that relationship to Christ.

Question

1. What motivates Paul?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the love of Christ would control you in everything.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Praise: Psalm 116:1-5 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Friday - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 - Pardon: A New Lease on Life

When you look at these verses, it uses the word reconciliation several different times. I want you to have in mind the bringing together that which is broken. We have another technical term for it - justification. To understand reconciliation, to understand justification, you have to come to terms with the brokenness of mankind. Paul says that in Jesus Christ, the old things have passed away. What are those old things? Those old things are the brokenness of mankind. God describes the human condition as hopeless. Because we have rebelled against a holy God, our lives are completely shattered. They are shattered because of sin. We're born with the original sin of Adam. We follow through with that by the actual sins that we commit so that there is, by our lives, by our character, by everything about us, an illustration of the oldness, the brokenness of our condition without Christ.

God didn't leave us in that desperate and hopeless condition. Instead of being characterized by sin and condemnation, God gives to us the righteousness of Christ, and we are considered to be new creations in Him. Jesus' death on the cross satisfies God's judgment. He fully accomplished God's work of reconciliation. This is where the idea of pardon comes in. Justice is served in God's pardon. When God reconciles us to himself, His character cannot be denied. That character is a just and holy character. In Him there is no sin at all. God cannot even look on sin. That's against His character. So how is it that a holy God can look on us who are sinners? How is it that a holy God can make new what is old and broken? By His word He pardons us, and by His action He satisfies His justice. The penalty that we deserve because of our sin, because of our brokenness, is satisfied by Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ came and died on the cross in our place, in the place of anyone who trusts in Christ. The penalty that we deserve, Jesus Christ has taken upon Himself, and He satisfies the justice of God. Jesus was the one who knew no sin. That means that Jesus had no sin whatsoever. Christ is blameless. He is perfect in his obedience to God. And as such, He was able to offer Himself as the only worthy sacrifice for sin. Christ's righteousness is given to us. God's righteousness is given to us in Jesus Christ. And the sacrifice, the penalty that we have deserved, literally the death penalty that we have deserved because of our sin, is satisfied in Jesus Christ. And so in Christ we have pardon.

Question

1. How can God reconcile us to Himself?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that in Christ we are a new creation.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Praise: Psalm 40:5-10 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Saturday - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 - Reconciliation: Peace With God

Reconciliation means peace with God. God describes mankind as being His enemies because of sin. God describes mankind as being rebels and fighting against Him. In Christ, says Paul, we have reconciliation. It's God that is at work reconciling us. God is the one whose justice must be served. It's God's wrath that must be satisfied. And so too, it's God's work that turns us away from our sin and rebellion. God is the one who reconciles us to Himself.

But there's more to reconciliation than just the absence of something. There's no more war. There's no more punishment. We're pardoned in Jesus Christ. But there's also a restored relationship. Think of the parable of the prodigal son. The father loved the prodigal son and restored him, not as a servant, but as a son. God's justice is satisfied, and we are adopted into the family of God through Jesus Christ. We who have been at war with Him, Jesus claims, and in Christ we are welcomed back into His family. He adopts us so that we enjoy all of the benefits of being joint heirs with Jesus Christ. That's the type of peace that we have with God. We have a restored relationship.

Not only are you pardoned and given peace, but one of the incredible and joyous ways in which God demonstrates your forgiveness is that He gives you responsibility. He considers you to be trustworthy to have the ministry of reconciliation to the world around you. You are Christ's ambassadors. You act in Christ's behalf. He has given you power and authority to take on this task, and He has given you His authoritative Word to give you guidance and instruction. You have been made messengers and stewards of the good news, a light to the world. Paul says it is as if God were making His appeal through us.

Paul was writing to the church in Corinth, a body of believers. And yet he implores them to be right in their relationship with God. If you are conscious of sin in your life, be reconciled to God. Christ has cleansed you once for all through His death and resurrection, but we continue to struggle against sin. Do not give up that struggle, but continue daily to die to yourself and to live for Christ so that you might become the righteousness of God.

Question

1. What is our responsibility with reconciliation?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Praise: Psalm 125 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Ezra read from
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day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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