

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 5:9-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHEN JESUS CHRIST JUDGES US

DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING THE RIGHT HEART FOR HIS MINISTRY

Part 1

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Introduction to the Text;

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Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. **11** Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

If this morning, you're a Christian,

Then your sins have been judged at the cross of Christ.

Never to be remembered / never to be reviewed / never to be talked of again.

But as a Christian, everything you have been, or shall do

Will be judged by Jesus Christ Himself regarding our love for Him and our faithfulness to Him in this life.

WHEN JESUS CHRIST JUDGES US

1.) He will review our opportunities

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1a.) Was Jesus Christ your passion

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Therefore we make it our aim,

Aim ~~filotime~~+omai **philotimeomai**, *fil-ot-im-eh'-om-ahee*;
Our labor, our strive, our study. Our focus.

What is your Passion?

Education is a good one. What about financial security, that's a good one. What about family and creating a family – that might be the best. But nothing is more important, more effective, powerful and eternal than the pursuit of God for your life.

Philippians 2:8-9

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in Him, not having my own **righteousness**, which *is* from the law, but **that which is through faith in Christ**,

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all **to the glory of God**.

HE WILL REVIEW OUR OPPORTUNITIES

1b.) Was Jesus Christ your **reason v. 9**

whether **present** or **absent**,

The Christian is very aware that he lives between or in two different worlds that are perfectly related. Our bodies are here and now – but the fullness of who we will be, is later.

I think it is clear that Paul managed his life like a business.

Don't get me wrong. But a well-run business produces success and value and influence and leaves others better off for it.

Our human bodies were created to be instruments

and tools for God's purposes. The new life that we now have as Christians – accomplishes God's original plan.

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,* by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.* **2** Do not be conformed to this world,* but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

1 Corinthians 9:24

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. **25** And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. **26** Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. **27** But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Our Example is Jesus Himself – Always Jesus

Luke 2:49c

“...I must be about My Father’s business?”

John 5:17

But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”

What Would You Do For God If You Could Right Now ?

Revelation 3:8

“I know your works. See, I have set before you an **open door** (opportunities to advance the Gospel), and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Will You Respond Today To Christ’s Offer?

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