

# 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 3

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Introduction to the Text; **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:9-11**

### Previously in Chapter 5

#### 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

**1** For we **know** that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **2** For in this we groan, **earnestly desiring** to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, **3** if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. **4** For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us **the Spirit as a guarantee**. **6** So *we are always confident, knowing* that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. **7** For **we walk by faith**, not by sight. **8** We **are confident**, yes, **well pleased rather** to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:9-11

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.

### WHEN JESUS CHRIST JUDGES US

**1.) He will review our opportunities v. 9**

**1a.) Was Jesus Christ your passion v. 9**

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## WHEN JESUS CHRIST JUDGES US

2.) He will **reward** our **faithfulness** v. 10

2a.) He will **unveil** the real you v. 10

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2c.) He will **discern** why you did it v. 10

And the grand assumption on Christ's part,  
His great expectation is that every one of His children, will be put on display in that day  
of judgment.

## WHEN JESUS CHRIST JUDGES US

3.) He will **recount** our **efforts** v. 11

### 2 Corinthians 5:11

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.

## HE WILL RECOUNT OUR EFFORTS

3a.) Did we live with **the end in sight** v. 11

**Knowing**, therefore, the **terror** of the Lord,

### **RECOUNT**, v.t. [re and count.]

to comb over. To search over. To relate to in detail.  
to tell or to narrate the moments; to rehearse. Step by step.

This reality and the coming fulfillment of it - prompts our motives =  
to persuade every man and woman that God places into our lives.

Knowing **εἶδω εἶδο, í'-do**; a primary verb; (in the perfect present tense – meaning “to know” or to be fully aware. To have the inner knowledge, the understanding that it is true.

One of the Marks of the True Christian

Is that there is an internal witness that reminds us that there is an end in sight.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:5

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

When Jesus Christ Returns, He will be coming

for His church; It will be awesome and wonderful and exactly  
what the Bible had predicted.

But after His coming for those who make up the church, each Christian will stand  
before Him.

(this is the fear or terror brought on by that day of reckoning  
or accountability to Christ)

Knowing, therefore, the **terror** of the Lord,

**terror φόβος phobos, fob'-os**; from a primary **φέβομαι phobomai** (to be put in fear); alarm or fright:  
– be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror.

## But Why ?

#### 1 Cor.3:11-15

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, **13** each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. **14** If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. **15** If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

#### John 5:22-27

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, **23** that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. **27** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. **25** Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. **26** For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, **27** and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

## The Great Bema Seat Judgment of Christ

#### 1 Cor. 3:9-15

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. **10** According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. **11** For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, **13** each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. **14** If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. **15** If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

# OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE

(meaning that His nature is pure & holy & light)

## So What Are We To Do ?

Know this – that our life’s work, purpose, efforts, actions will be exposed to His illumination.

(His light will reveal who and what and why we are who we are)

### Rom. 13:11-14

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. **12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. **13** Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. **14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

## HE WILL RECOUNT OUR EFFORTS

**3b.) Did we live that others might know v. 11**

we persuade men;

Persuade **πείθω peitho, pi'-tho**; to engage by argument. To reason with. To debate, dialogue. To be inviting, compelling, challenging.

### Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us **reason** together,” Says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.”

### Matt. 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** GO therefore and MAKE disciples of all the nations, BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** TEACHING them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and LO, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

We all will not be called to do the same thing for Jesus, but whatever we do, it is to be a collective effort to **LEAD OTHERS TO JESUS CHRIST.**

## a great example of us united in the cause

### 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as **workers together with Him** also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. **2** For He says: “In an acceptable time I have helped you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

**1 Peter 3:15 NIV**

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

**HE WILL RECOUNT OUR EFFORTS**

**3c.) Did we live for His approval**

**v. 11**

but we are well known to God, and I also trust  
are well known in your consciences.

We humans suffer from an “ego-centric” syndrome or complex.  
We are too often concerned about what people think of us.

**Proverbs 29:25**

The **fear** of man brings a snare, But whoever **trusts** in the LORD shall be safe.

Paul had long given up on seeking man’s fleeting approval.  
*(there is great peace and victory in that reality my friend)*



**Where has intimidation and man-pleasing gotten you?**

It’s with amazing confidence, that Paul declares...  
“God knows who I am. I am known to God. Jesus knows me.”

**Matthew 7:18-23**

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. **19** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **20** Therefore by their fruits you will know them. **:21** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **22** Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?” **23** And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you;

**John 6:29**

Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God,  
that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

**Contemplate This...**

Are you hungry for Jesus Christ and for more of God and a deeper experience?

To not desire this is to be what the Bible calls “Backslidden”. That is, you used to say that you once longed for more of God and that there was a time when Jesus Christ, His Word, worship, giving, serving was everything to you.

# ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW JESUS CHRIST ? ARE YOU SURE JESUS CHRIST KNOWS YOU ?

John 10:1-5, 14-16

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. **2** But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. **5** Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”... **14** I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. **15** As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. **16** And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

## WHEN JESUS CHRIST JUDGES US

**Will You Today Respond To Christ's Offer?**

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

*Come Forward for Prayer*

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*End of Study*

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