

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL, MORE SONGS FROM THE HEART, TRUTH ON TRIAL

N.T. Study - Stewards Of The Gospel - *Great Expectations* - June 10, 2018

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-21

Intro: Christ has given us the P_____ of representing Him and sharing the M_____ of reconciliation, even as we long for our home in Heaven. The fact that I am representing Christ guides me in _____! As Paul says in today's lesson, we walk by _____ and not by _____. Today we look at the nature of Paul's ministry; why he remained hopeful despite his suffering, his devotion to his work, and how God worked to reconcile mankind to Him. Like Paul we are A_____ for Christ!

I. (2 Cor. 5:1-10) The Hopeful Nature of Paul's Ministry

1. (5:1) How does Paul describe our "future home"?
2. (5:2-4) How does Paul describe our "present home"?
3. (5:5) It is a house P_____ by God and guaranteed by _____!
4. (5:6-8) This promise gives us C_____ & C_____!
5. (5:9-10) This promise also gives us an aim to _____! Why?

* The judgment seat of Christ will be a place of revelation. It will be a place of R_____ING as we all give an account of our work/ministries. For the faithful, it will be a place of R_____ (1 Cor.3:10-15, Ro.14:10-12). For the faithful, it will also be a place of R_____ as we glorify the Lord with our worship and praise!

II. (2 Cor.5:11-17) The Divine Nature of Paul's Ministry

1. (5:11) What motivation does Paul give for his ministry?
2. (5:12-13) What is Paul's desire in these 2 verses?

* We see 3 ways we can prepare for the Judgment in these 3 verses. What are they?

Maintain a C _____ C _____! (5:11)

Do not depend on the P _____ of M _____! (5:12)

Ignore the C _____ of man! (5:13)

3. (5:14) What is the second motivation Paul gives for his ministry?

4. (5:14-15) What did Paul conclude about Christ's death?

5. (5:16-17) What conclusion had Paul come to?

* There needs to come to each of us a new sense of C _____ and a new force of C _____! Love needs to overmaster us. The world's need must overwhelm and appall us. We must be driven or we shall be dried up in the selfishness of our own souls. *Abe Lincoln (SIBI)*

III. (2 Cor.5:18-21) The Reconciling Nature of Paul's Ministry

1. What 3 things did Paul say about his ministry in vs. 18-19?

a.

b.

c.

2. (5:20-21) How are we "ambassadors for Christ"?

What is the basis for mankind's reconciliation with Christ?