

Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of July 10, 2022 A.D.

Are You Living for Christ? Or, Are You Living for You?

How you answer will have eternal consequences.

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

Read 2 Corinthians 5:10

1. Each and every believer in Christ is already scheduled for a one-on-one personal meeting with Jesus the Christ. In your opinion, will that meeting be: (a) light-hearted, (b) extremely serious, or (c) a mixture of both?
2. What do you believe that you will "receive" from Jesus (for) what is due (to you) for the things which you have done during your life on earth? When Jesus judges you, will your personal evaluation include more good things or more bad things from Christ's point of view?
3. In your opinion, do American Christians live their daily lives with (a) eternity in mind and (b) the judgement seat of Christ in mind?
4. When your personal judgment seat experience has been concluded, will you ever be able to: (a) recover the rewards which you have forfeited and (b) add to the rewards you have received?
5. Which will reap the greater rewards, honor, and benefits for you personally: (a) how faithfully you have sacrificed and/or surrendered the pleasures and desires of this world for the sake of serving Christ and his kingdom or (b) how faithfully you intend to serve Christ after you get to heaven?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:11

6. What does it mean "to fear the Lord"? Should all people—especially believers— "fear the Lord"? Does every believer have a duty to "persuade men" on behalf of God? If so, how earnestly is this duty being fulfilled by (a) the American church? (b) your church family? and (c) you?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

7. Does God consider his love for us to be the only motivation which is necessary for every believer to live a life which is fully committed to serving Christ and his kingdom? Does God want and expect every believer to “die” to the world, the flesh, and the devil?
8. Did Christ voluntarily and lovingly die for all? How have all died? From the biblical world view, is the church in America becoming more (a) corrupt and selfish? or (b) pure and self-sacrificing?
9. Refer to verse 15. Is this verse meant to be taken literally and to be obeyed by each and every believer?
10. What does Paul mean when he says Christ “died for them”? Do Christians sincerely believe that (a) Christ was raised from the dead in his body? and (b) every believer will have a bodily resurrection? Does Jesus expect that those two beliefs are to be distinctly evident in the life of a Christian? If so, what actions or words would qualify as evidence to confirm the reality of those two beliefs in your life?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16

11. What does it mean to regard Christ “from a worldly point of view”? Is it a sin to view Christ “in this way”? What caused Paul to change his “point of view” regarding Christ?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

12. What does it mean to be “in Christ”? Does God expect his children to be “a new creation”? Should there be visible evidence of the “new creation” in every believer? What should that evidence look like?
13. What is the essence of the message that Paul is announcing in these verses found in 2 Corinthians 5:10-17? What future plan of action, if any, would you express to yourself, to your church family, and to your church pastors and leaders based upon what you have learned in this study?

Consider: Are you and your church family living for yourselves? Or, are you living for Christ who died for you so that you can live for Him? “You think about that.” Amen.