

# How Much Do You Want To Go To Heaven?

2 Corinthians 5:1-21

# Paul Wanted To Go To Heaven

- “For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal **may be swallowed up by life.** <sup>5</sup>**He who has prepared us for this very thing is God,** who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.” – 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

# To Go To Heaven We Must Please God

- “So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.” v.9
- “So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,” v.6
- Two Motivating Factors
  - Please God By Persuading Men Because Of His Terror – v.11
  - Please God By Teaching The Lost Because The Love Of Christ Controls Us. v.14

# To Go To Heaven We Must Live For God

- “And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”  
v.14
- “Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’”  
Matthew 16:24

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- Knowledge will make you do a lot!
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  - “So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,” v.6

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- Knowledge will make you do a lot!
  - “Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.” v.11
  - “From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded (known KJV) Christ according to the flesh, we regard (know KJV) him thus no longer.” v.16
- In View Of All This Knowledge What Does v.7 Mean?
  - “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

# To Go To Heaven We Must Be Ambassadors For God

- “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” v.20
- 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christians Felt They Had A Work – To Be Ambassadors For Christ!
- Peter – “And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation.’” Acts 2:40

# To Go To Heaven We Must Be Ambassadors For God

- Ananias To Saul – “And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.” Acts 22:16
- John To You – “The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.”

Revelation 22:17