

Be Encouraged

“We Make It Our Goal To Please Him!”

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Reading: [2 Corinthians 5:1](#)

Text: [2 Corinthians 5:9-21](#)

Introduction:

& [v. 9](#)—Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

#1 Because of the Judgment

& [v. 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.

#2 By Getting Others To Please Him!

& [v. 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.

#3 By Not Being Men-Pleasers

& [v. 12-13](#)—For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you

#4 Because of Christ’s Love

& [v. 14-15](#)— For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

& [v. 19](#)—that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

& [v. 21](#)—For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

#5 Without Partiality

& [v. 16](#)—Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

#6 With All My Life

& [v. 17-18](#)—Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation

Conclusion:

& [v. 20](#)—Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.

& [Acts 2:38](#)—Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.