

## **Lesson 5**

### **2 Corinthians 5:1-21**

- **Questions**

1. What did Paul and others have from God (5:1)?
2. What did Paul and others groan for (5:2-4)?
3. What state did Paul not want to be found in (5:3)?
4. What did God give Paul and others as an assurance (5:5)?
5. What was Paul's attitude and practice while living in the body (5:6-8)?
6. What was Paul's aim or ambition (5:9)?
7. Why did Paul have such an aim (5:10)?
8. Who will judge all and how will they be judged (5:10)?
9. What was Paul's motivation for his ministry (5:11)?
10. What did Paul want for the Corinthians concerning himself and his critics (5:12)?

11. How did Paul explain his mental state (5:13)?

12. What did Paul say about Christ's love and Christ's death (5:14-15)?

13. What did Paul refuse to do in his ministry (5:16)?

14. What is a person "in Christ" and what happens to the "old things" (5:17)?

15. What has God been doing with mankind and how has he been doing it (5:18-19)?

16. What were Paul and the rest of the apostles and what was their ministry (5:20)?

17. What was Christ made to be and why (5:21)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. What is the "earthly house" (5:1) and the "tabernacle" (5:1, 4)? What is the "building" (5:1) and the "habitation" (5:2)?

2. What does "earnest" mean and what is the "earnest of the Spirit" (5:5; see also 1:22)?

3. What does it mean, in this context, to "walk by faith, not by sight" (5:7; see 4:18)?

4. Who are “them that glory in appearance, and not in heart” (5:12)?
  
5. How do “all” mankind die (5:14)?
  
6. What does “after the flesh” mean (5:16)?
  
7. How are things “new” in Christ (5:17)?
  
8. Who were the “ambassadors” of 5:20? Are all Christians today “ambassadors”?
  
9. How was Christ “made *to be* sin” (5:21; see Isa. 53:3-4; Rom. 8:3; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 2:24)?

• **Applications for Today**

1. The resurrected body is made for eternity in heaven (5:1-4). What kind of body is the resurrected body (1 Cor. 15:35-49)?
  
2. Christians have the “earnest of the Spirit” (5:5; see 1:22). When is a person sealed with the Spirit and given the earnest of the Spirit (Eph. 1:13)?
  
3. Christians “walk by faith, not by sight” in this life (5:7). Who are Christians to imitate in their walk by faith (Rom. 4:12)?

4. The Christian's aim or ambition should always be to please the Lord (5:9). What other aim should Christians have (1 Thess. 4:11)?
  
5. We all will stand before the judgment seat of Christ (5:10). What will we all do at the judgment seat (Rom. 14:10-12)?
  
6. The fear of the Lord is a good motivation to persuade men to obey the gospel (5:11). How should Christians be walking now (Acts 9:31)?
  
7. Christ loved us (5:14). What should the love of Christ cause us to do (1 Jn. 3:23; 5:1)?
  
8. Jesus died for all (5:14). What death must take place with the sinner in order to receive the blessings of Jesus' death for all mankind (Rom. 6:3-8; Col. 2:20; 3:3)?
  
9. Christians do not live for themselves, but for Christ who died for them (5:15). To whom should people live (Lk. 20:38; Rom. 14:8; Gal. 2:19) and to what should people live (1 Pet. 2:24)?
  
10. Christians are new creatures in Christ (5:17). What is "new" about the new creature or new man in Christ (Eph. 2:15; 4:24; Col. 3:10)?
  
11. All people need to be reconciled to God through the word of reconciliation (5:18-20). Where and how does reconciliation take place for the sinner (Dan. 9:24; Rom. 5:11; Eph. 2:16; Col. 1:20, 22)?