

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 10:7-18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

MORE THAN WHAT MEETS THE EYE

developing and maintaining your new life in Christ.

Part 2

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Introduction to the Text;

2nd Corinthians 10:7-18

2 Cor. 10:7-18

Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this **in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's.** 8 For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for **edification** and not for your **destruction, I shall not be ashamed** - - 9 lest I seem to terrify you by letters. 10 "For his letters," they say, "are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." 11 Let such a person consider this, that **what we are in word by letters** when we are absent, such **we will also be in deed** when we are present. :12 **For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.** 13 We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us - - a sphere which especially includes you. 14 For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came **with the gospel of Christ;** 15 not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's labors, but having hope, that **as your faith is increased,** we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, **16 to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you,** and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment. :17 **But "he who glories, let him glory in the LORD."** 18 **For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.**

**The Corinthian Church is a Perfect Example of;
What – God has begun, He will finish !**

1 John 3:20

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

Phil 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

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1.) We are no longer bound to this world v. 7-11

1a.) We are bound to **Jesus Christ Himself** v. 7

1b.) We are bound to **Christ's service** v.8-10

1c.) We are bound to the **reality** v. 11

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2.) **We are now living for the moment** v. 12-15

By "The Moment" I mean – **that we now live in the constant awareness of Jesus Christ as Lord: in thought, action, planning.**

Ultimately – In the back of our **minds**, behind our **actions** and **finally**,
We end our lives here in the presence of Jesus Christ.

2a.) **Our standard is Jesus Christ** v. 12

For we dare not **class** ourselves or **compare** ourselves with those who **commend** themselves. But they, **measuring** themselves by themselves, and **comparing** themselves among themselves, **are not wise**.

1 Cor. 11:1

Imitate me, just **as** I also **imitate** Christ.

Imitate grk:

μιμητής mimetes, *mim-ay-tace´*; to mimic, to copy. the relationship between a journeyman and his apprentice. a follower. to become a "Life-Like" model of another.

We do this with Doctors for example.

"Dr. So and So did her internship with Dr. What's-His-Face"
Or with Professors, We say "Professor Wizard studied under Dr. Wise.

The Fact Is;

We become like our teachers, for better or for worse.

Phil. 3:17 NIV

Join together in **following my example**, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

In Biblical Christianity - This is the Norm, Not the Exception. Remember playing as a kid, "Follow the Leader", Well That's the Rule for Us.

But they, **measuring** themselves by themselves,
and **comparing** themselves among themselves, **are not wise**.

Our Standard is not another human being.

Phil. 3:3-7

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, **4** though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: **5** circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; **6** concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. **7** **But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.**

WE ARE NOW LIVING FOR THE MOMENT

2b.) Our appointment is of God v. 13-14a

13 **We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere** (*influence or regions appointed*) **which God appointed us** - - **a sphere** which especially includes you. **14** For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you)

appointed **μερίζω merizo**, *mer-id'-zo*; to set in place or to determine. to measure out and specify. To appropriate to a specific course.

This is an Encouraging word from God thru Paul to Us.

as a Christian – where I am - is where Jesus wants me to be.

As we walk with him in the light, we have fellowship with Him and that fellowship is an unbroken relationship of conversation and service and experience.

Without a “Jesus Centeredness” God is **NO-where**
in my Problems. (the result is fear, panic, terror)

But With a “Jesus Centeredness” God is **NOW-here**
in my Problems. (the result is love, rest, joy)

Rom. 8:28

And we know that **all things** (the maximum) work together for good to **those who** (the limited) love God, to those who are **the called** according to His purpose.

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I **chose** you and **appointed** you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain,

WE ARE NOW LIVING FOR THE MOMENT

2c.) Our ministry is the Gospel v. 14b-15

14 for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ; **15** not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men’s labors, **but having hope, that as your faith is increased**, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere,

the pastor and the parents greatest desire

what is the gospel?

1 Cor. 15:3-4

For I delivered to you first of all **that which I also received**: (*church - we are not to be manufacturers, but distributors*) - (#1) that Christ **DIED** for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and (#2) that Jesus Christ was **BURIED**, and (#3) that He **ROSE AGAIN** the third day (#4) **ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES**

**This “but having hope, that as your faith is increased.”
Is every pastor-teacher’s main burden.**

Romans 1:15-17

So, as much as is in me, I am ready to **preach the gospel** to you who are in Rome also. :16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**, for **it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes**, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in **it** the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

My report card is being prepared by Jesus.

I will not know for sure, if what I have done here is a true success or not until all of you are examined by Jesus on that Day.
(then He will deal with me and all other teachers)

3 John 1:4

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

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3.) We are currently en route to Heaven v. 16-18

16 to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man’s sphere of accomplishment. :17 **But “he who glories, let him glory in the LORD.” 18 For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.**

WE ARE CURRENTLY EN ROUTE TO HEAVEN

3a.) You are on a soul mission v. 16

to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you,
and **not to boast in another man’s** sphere of accomplishment

Honestly – Can I Tell You, This Means Everything To Me.

(Jack, be laser-focused on what I have told you to do. Don’t look left or right)

Your Life and My Life is All About Other Souls
being rescued ourselves, we are being equipped to reach other “souls”

“in (or to) the regions beyond you”

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples (*replicas - copies*) of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

WE ARE CURRENTLY EN ROUTE TO HEAVEN

3b.) You are heading to **the finish line** v. 17

17 But he who **glories**, let him **glory** in the LORD

glory καυχάομαι *kauchaomai, kow-khah'-om-ahee*;
to boast in or of God, to glory in God, to rejoice in God.

? But What Does This Look Like in My Life ?

Rom. 5:1-3,11

Therefore, **having been** justified by faith, **we have** peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of **the glory of God**.
3 And not only that, but we also **glory in tribulations**, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance... **11**
And not only that, but **we also rejoice in God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Result is an **Expectant Attitude** About Jesus' Return

Mark 13:33

(1) **Take heed**, (2) **watch** and (3) **PRAY**; for you do not know when the time is.

1 Thes. 1:10

WAIT for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead,
even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Titus 2:13

LOOKING for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

WE ARE CURRENTLY EN ROUTE TO HEAVEN

3c.) You are not going to be **disappointed** v. 18

For -- not he who **commends** (fortifies) himself is **approved**,
but whom the **Lord commends**. (fortifies)

the **Why** and the **How** is all important.

The "**Why?**" is **Because The LORD Loved You From Eternity**.

Romans 8:29

For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** to be **conformed** to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also **called**; whom He **called**, these He also **justified**; and whom He **justified**, these He also **glorified**.

All That is Based on God's **Foreknowledge**

The "**How?**" is **Because The LORD Placed You Inside Jesus Christ'**

Romans 6:3

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized (not water) into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? **4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 7:24-25

O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?
25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 8:3

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

1 Cor. 2:9

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

Enter into the joy // In His presence is fullness of joy // Pleasures forever more

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<<

End of Study

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