
(c) What does it mean to you that all things are passed away, and all things are become new, as a new creature in Christ? _____

All these new things are from God who brought us back to Himself through what Christ Jesus did. And God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into His favor and be reconciled to Him (II Corinthians 5:18 LB).

4. After reading II Corinthians 5 verses 18 and 19, What Scripture verse comes to your thoughts, in the book of John that brings the greatest meaning of these two verses together? _____
5. What does Paul call himself and his fellow laborers in II Corinthians 5:20? _____

As ambassadors for Christ, Paul and the others were being used in God's stead to be reconciled to God (II Corinthians 5:20).

For God took the sinless Christ and poured into Him our sins. Then, in exchange, He poured God's righteousness into us (II Corinthians 5: 21 some from LB).

FIFTH STUDY

WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT
THE TWO BODIES OF THE SAINT (II Corinthians 5:1-9)

Looking at *the things which are not seen, which are eternal*: Paul continues his letter on this same subject (the things eternal [II Corinthians 4:18]; 5:1).

1. What is Paul talking about where he says in II Corinthians 5:1:
- (a) "Our earthly house of the tabernacle?"
Our earthly body
- (b) "If this tabernacle were dissolved?" If our earthly body dies
- (c) "We have a building of God, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens?" Our glorified incorruptible bodies we receive at the resurrection of the just (at the time of the Rapture of the Church)

Our *earthly house* refers to our earthly body which includes the life of the believer.

Our *building of God, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens*: could be our temporary body in heaven, waiting for the resurrection of our glorified body. This body is incorruptible.

Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration appeared clothed with a heavenly body.

We belong in heaven, but we are kept here by our bodies.

2. We as believers are confident being in our earthly bodies; doing the will of God; walking by faith, and not by sight; because we know when the time comes for us to be absent from the body, we will be (II Corinthians 5:6-8)

- _____.
3. According to II Corinthians 5:9, For what do we labor? _____

JUDGMENT OF OUR REAL NATURE AND CHARACTER (II Corinthians 5:10)

It seems Paul is writing here with the long range plan of God which not only covers our heavenly body, but when the believer stands before the Judgment Seat of Christ. His thoughts cover sufferings here while we wait for the Coming of the Lord (II Corinthians 4:7-5:10), and our works while we are a Christian, which will be judged at His return, whether good or bad (II Corinthians 5:10).

DEVOTION TO MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION (II Corinthians 5:11-19)

1. Knowing that our chief objective is to please the Lord; and that God knows our hearts and motives: What does Paul say is his goal? (II Corinthians 5:11) _____

Paul wants them to know also that his heart and

conscience is clear, and theirs need to be clear about him and his motives (II Corinthians 5:11,12). His major goal in ministry was to work hard to win the lost for Christ.

It seems some of the Corinthian believers were bragging on some other preachers who preached good and looked good, but they didn't have true and honest hearts. But Paul said in (II Corinthians 5:12 LB), "You can boast about us that we, at least, are well intentioned and honest." Then in verse 13, he feels a little embarrassed of saying that about himself; then he adds: "If so, it is to bring glory to God, for whatever we do, it is for your own profit, not our own, but because Christ's love controls us now."

Paul says in II Corinthians 5:14,15, that Christ died for all; so as a result, all of us as believers, died with Him to the old life we used to live.

2. What 2 reasons does Paul give in II Corinthians 5:15 for Christ dying for all?

(1) _____

(2) _____

3. If a man be in Christ (from II Corinthians 5:17):

(a) What is he now? _____

(b) What has taken place in his life? _____