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Motives for Ministry

(2 Corinthians 5:9-21)

2 Corinthians 5:9-21 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹Knowing, 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.

¹²For 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. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again...

1. The _____ Motives Us (vs 11)

- A. We aim to _____ (vs 9, Galatians 1:10)
- B. We remember we will _____ (vs 10)
- C. We urge others to _____ (vs 11-13, 1 Peter 4:18)

2. The _____ Motives Us (vs 14, Romans 5:6-8, Psalm 2:11)

Two concepts taught in the Bible:

- A. We died _____ (vs 14, Romans 6:1-3, Galatians 2:20)
- B. He died that _____ (vs 15-17)

3. _____ Motives Us (vs 18-21)

...¹⁶Therefore, 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. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹that 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. ²⁰Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

²¹For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.