

# Resurrection Life

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## Pleasing Christ and Influencing Others 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

### Review: Why do we live boldly in our influencing of others? (vv. 4:1-5:5)

- What we proclaim is not ourselves
- Power belongs to God not us
- He who raised Jesus will raise us
- Our suffering is preparing an eternal weight of glory
- Our hope/focus is in the "unseen"
- We have a building made by God
- We have a house not made with hands
- Our bodies will be eternal in the heavens

### By faith we live boldly, as we anticipate our future "home" with Jesus. (vv. 6-8)

1. Boldness to influence others comes from trusting specific promises. (vv. 6-7)  
*2 Cor. 5:6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.*
2. This boldness keeps our focus on our better "home" with Jesus. (v. 8)  
*Cor. 5:8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

### This simplifies our life: please the Savior & count on Him to reward us at "home". (vv. 9-10)

1. Driven by a single goal: bringing pleasure to Jesus (v. 9)  
*2 Cor. 5:9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.*
2. Understanding our actions: receiving the outcome of our conduct (v. 10)  
*2 Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

#### What will this evaluation look like?

- a. It is predicated on our belonging to Jesus.  
*Rom. 14:8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's... 12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.*
- b. Every believer will be involved.  
*2 Cor. 5:10a For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ*

c. It will be based on the quality of our lives – pleasing Jesus!

*1 Cor. 3:13* each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

*1 Cor. 4:5* Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

d. Based on this evaluation, our rewards will correspond to our "Jesus-pleasing" efforts.

- Note this general theme of "rewards" - receiving what is deserved  
*1 Cor. 3:8* He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.
- The positive is emphasized so as to motivate for Jesus' sake  
*1 Cor. 3:14* If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.
- The negative is included so as to caution us  
*1 Cor. 3:15* If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

## Reflection/Discussion

1. How have you done this week in remembering your coming new body? Read through verses 5:1-5 and list the key elements that most excite you. How can you "remember to remember" them this week?
2. How does the reality of a promised new existence fill you with boldness to speak of Jesus and His gospel? How does this relate to the idea of verse 7, "for we walk by faith, not by sight"? Identify 2-3 people already in your life who do not yet know the Savior? Pray for them this week.
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:9 three times. In your own words, describe what it means "to please" Jesus. List 2 ways in which you please the Savior in your life; and 2 ways you could improve in this area.
4. Explain the relationship between bringing pleasure to Jesus (v. 9) and Christ's evaluation of what you've done "in the body". (v. 10). What most excites you about this event?

## SONGS

"THE LION AND THE LAMB" - Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson

"HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS" - Ben Glover, Chris McClarney, and Jeff Pardo

"BROKEN VESSELS (AMAZING GRACE)" - Joel Houston, Jonas Myrin

"WAY MAKER" - Osinachi Okoro

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 38,482.22

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$738,270.52

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$794,046.00