

- Life Choices
- Choosing Great Rewards
 - Hebrews 11:25 Moses
 - Hebrews 11:10 Abraham
 - God has given us His Word and His Spirit enabling us to clearly see the outcome
- Hebrews 4:12
- John 16:13
- Galatians 5:16

2 Corinthians 5 – a Favorite Passage

- The simplicity of the Gospel
- The mandated responsibility
- The promised future

Vs. 17-21 – the simplicity of the Gospel

- God in Christ reconciling the world to himself
- No longer counting people's sins against them
- God made Christ to be sin (the sin sacrifice)
- So we could be made right with God (made the righteousness of God in Christ)

Vs. 9-20 - the mandated responsibility

- Our goal is to please him
- A fearful responsibility to persuade others
- Motivated by Christ's love
- No longer living for self – living for Christ
- Given the task of reconciling people to God
- As Christ's ambassadors we plead "Come back to God"

The Challenge of Afflictions

- 2 Corinthians 11:23–26
 - been put in prison more often,
 - been whipped times without number, and
 - faced death again and again.
 - Five different times thirty-nine lashes.
 - Three times I was beaten with rods.
 - Once I was stoned.
 - Three times I was shipwrecked.
 - Why did he keep going?

- Hebrews 11:13
- 2 Corinthians 4:17–18
- Paul measured all his troubles in the light of eternity

Vs. 1-8 – the promised future

- When we die we will put on heavenly bodies
- We grow weary in our present bodies

Earthly tent destroyed

- Romans 5:12
- Romans 5:15
- Earthly bodies – like temporary flimsy tents
- Eternal bodies – like permanent buildings
- We want to put on our new bodies
- Dying bodies swallowed up by life
- God has guaranteed this by giving us the Holy Spirit
- We live by believing not by seeing

Images of heavenly body

- A House in Heaven
- New Clothing
- Swallowed up by life
 - Seed to be planted – has to die first to grow into the beautiful and fruitful plant - John 12:24.

The Resurrection

- John 11:25–26 Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.
- 1 John 3:2 ... we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.
- Philippians 3:21 He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own...
- Retaining the Character developed here on earth
- Psalm 90:12 (NASB 95) — 12 So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.
 - Develop your character here in this life
 - Making choices that positively impact eternity
 - It has eternal consequences
- Be Reconciled to God