

## 2 Cor. 5:1-21 How to make the most of your earth suit

How do we make the most of our earth suit? V.9 **Aim to please the Lord.** What's my motivation?

1. **Rewards (or Wrath):** v.10
  - a. **Judgment of the sheep and the goats** Matthew 25:31-36: *for all people alive after the tribulation but prior to the 1000 year reign of Jesus; its purpose is to determine who will enter the millennial kingdom and who will enter hades. One of the key areas is how you treated Christ's brother's, the Jews.*
  - b. **Great white throne** Rev. 20:11: for unbelievers only. They will be judged according to their works and sentenced to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire. Wrath.
  - c. **Judgment seat of Christ (Bema-** for civil issues and awards) V10: for believers. It doesn't determine our salvation. It will involve the increase and loss of rewards. **1 Cor. 3:8-15.**
2. **Reverence** V.11: We live in a world with no fear, respect or understanding that we will be held accountable in judgment. Ps. 34:11 Says that fear is learned and it is a quality we must have as it is the beginning of wisdom. But fear leads to legalism if it isn't balanced with an understanding of God's goodness. Ps. 34:8 *Taste and see the Lord is good. Jeremiah 32:40 I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.*
3. **Response to love.** V.14-15 Reward, Wrath and Reverence all can lead to legalism without this ultimate reason. **CT Studd:** If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, there is no sacrifice too great that I can make. It's God's love that compels me.

V.16-19 With our new understanding of Christ as Lord, He now has a **Request:**

**Role as a Representative** V.20 - An ambassador acts on behalf of the king representing his actions, wishes and direction to the citizens of another country.

**His message:** V.19-20 To reconcile a broken relationship with God and to convey V.21 the hope of our new reality- righteousness.

### Grow Group Questions:

1. What would be the problem if my only motivation was for the reward? What should I not make the reward of heaven solely about a place (paradise) rather than a person (King Jesus rule)?
2. What are the "wood, hay and stubble" that we often build with in America? What would the costly stones be (1 Cor. 3:8-16)?
3. What do you learn about fearing the Lord in Psalm 34:7-11? How do I learn it?
4. What if I don't feel righteous? Or reconciled to God?
5. What are the implications of my Role as a Representative (ambassador)?

### Announcements:

- **Worship Wednesday - Nov 1** - Join us for a potluck dinner at 6pm and worship at 7pm! Don't forget to bring a dish!
- **Lucas Miles Speaking Event - Nov 2 at 7pm** - With Florida Faith Foundations and Somebody Cares Tampa Bay - Hosted by Feather Sound Church.
- **Church Clean-Up Day - Nov 4 from 9am to 12pm** - Help us take care of our church buildings and grounds. All are welcome!
- **Men's Bible Study - Starting Nov 9** and recurring weekly - Learn the Biblical Principles and Qualities of Godly men.
- **Baptisms - Nov 12 during the 11am Service** - sign up to get baptized at [feathersoundchurch.com/baptism](http://feathersoundchurch.com/baptism)
- **Harvest Dinner - Nov 12 at 5pm** - Last names A-M bring a side dish. Last names N-Z bring a dessert!