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Fresh Start

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A Fresh Start Towards Serving Others...

Sunday 30th April 2023

Summary of 2 Corinthians 5:9-21

The central theme of 2 Corinthians is the relationship between Paul's **suffering** and **the power of the Spirit** in his *life, ministry, and message*.

1. Paul's opponents had questioned his motives and his personal courage.
2. They argued that Paul had suffered too much to be a ***Spirit-filled apostle*** of the risen Christ.
3. Paul argues that his ***suffering*** is the means that God uses to reveal his glory (**2 Corinthians 1:3–4, 11, 20**).

Roles of an Ambassador

1. Aims to please God by living a crucified life of faith. (**2 Corinthians 5:9-11; Hebrews 11:6; Hebrews 11:6; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; and Romans 12:1-2**).
2. Aware that there will be a day of reckoning. (**1 Corinthians 3:13; Romans 14:10c; and Matthew 16:27**).
3. Knows the way of wisdom and understanding. (**Job 28:12; Job 28:20-21; Job 28:23; and Job 28:28**).

4. Serves God with reverence. (**Psalm 2:11; Hebrews 12:28-29; Philippians 2:12-13; and Acts 9:31**).
5. Ministers to the conscience of man, not their emotions (**2 Corinthians 4:2**).

As an ambassador, you should make it your aim to please God. The word 'please' means 'to be acceptable' or to 'make God happy'. The only way to do this is by faith (read **Hebrews 11:6**).

Live the Crucified Life

One way to live by faith is to live the crucified life.

Galatians 2:20 says: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

To please God is to live by faith, but to live by faith, you must live the crucified life. This means that you allow God to be in control.

Lastly...

To the ambassador of God's grace, Christ as Saviour, is also the universal Judge. Christ will judge all people according to their deeds.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 says:

"Therefore we **make it our aim (determined: - *Zealous with a strong aim, striving earnestly to be well pleasing to the Lord. Remember our PPPoG!*)**, whether present (*at home or in church*) or absent (*on the frontline and abroad*), to be well pleasing (*see Colossians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:1 & Romans 12:1-2*) to Him."

What you do daily is your ministry. You may not have a physical platform, but your work, home, business, etc., is your ministry and where God has called you to minister. Be encouraged to minister to the world around you, as an ambassador of God's grace.