



## **“For the Love of CHRIST!”**

### **2 Corinthians Chapter 5**

**(v1-10) WE are CONFIDENT! (in the resurrection)**

**(v11-17) WE are COMPELLED! (for the love of Christ)**

**(v18-21) We are COMMITTED! (to the word of reconciliation)**

**(v1-10) WE are CONFIDENT! (in the resurrection)**

**(v1-2) We are confident to receive a new glorified body!**

**- Philippians 3:20-21 - *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.***

**(v3-4) We are confident to receive eternal life!**

**- John 3:16-17 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.***

**(v5-8) We are confident to always be with the LORD!**

**- Jesus promised all who believe in eternal life with Him! - John 14:1-4 - *“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”***

**- Jesus promised paradise to the thief on the cross - Luke 23:39-43 - *Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”***

**- Jesus received Stephen into heaven! - Acts 7:54-60 - *When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” Then they cried***

*out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

**(v9-11) We are confident to receive rewards at the "judgment seat of CHRIST!"**

*- 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 - Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

**(v11-17) WE are COMPELLED! (for the love of Christ)**

**(v11-16) The LOVE of CHRIST compels us!**

*- Jesus loves you! - John 15:9-17 - "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another.*

**(v17) Our NEW LIFE compels us! (Evangelize, Study, Pray, Fellowship, Praise!)**

*- Acts 2:37-47 - Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,*

*and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

**(v18-21) We are COMMITTED! (to the word of reconciliation)**

**(v18-19) We are committed to the “MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION!”**

**- What is reconciliation? The Bible teaches that God and man are alienated from one another because of God's holiness and man's sinfulness. Although God loves the sinner (Romans 5:8), it is impossible for Him not to judge sin (Hebrews 10:27). Therefore, in biblical reconciliation, both parties are affected. Through the sacrifice of Christ, man's sin is atoned, and God's wrath is appeased. Thus, a relationship of hostility and alienation is changed into one of peace and fellowship.**

**(v20) We are committed to be “AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST!”**

**(v21) JESUS was CONFIDENT, COMPELLED and COMMITTED to SAVE US! Paul writes in Philippians 1:6 – *being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ!***