



Motivation for Ministry

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-15

The Chief End Of Man

- ▶ to glorify God and enjoy Him forever
 - ▶ *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*
1 Corinthians 10:31
 - ▶ *Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.*
Isaiah 43:7

A Future That Awaits

- ▶ A resurrected, perfected, and glorified body
 - ▶ One day, believer, we will exchange our fragile, weak, and imperfect earthly body for a perfect glorified one in heaven that will be eternal.
- ▶ A presence with the Lord in heaven
 - ▶ One day we will experience the fullness of God's presence.

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▶ Rewards to come

- ▶ At the Judgment Seat of Christ the manifestation of the believer's works will be revealed.
- ▶ Paul refers to living with the fear of the Lord. A worshipful reverence, respect, and trust in God is a motivation to live in a God-honoring way.
- ▶ As we see God for who He is, it should weigh so heavy on us that it impacts our life and produces change to live a worthy life.

A Compelling Love

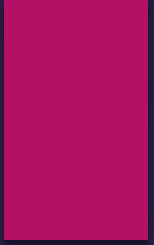
▶ The love of Christ

- ▶ Love is the highest motive for loyalty, the best reason for devotion, and the greatest argument for endurance.
- ▶ The love of Christ restrains – it can restrain us from wandering back to other loves we had before we were rightly related to Him. It restrains us from offending the one we love with sinful thoughts and acts.
- ▶ The love of Christ compresses – It gives an all-consuming passion to live for Him.
- ▶ The love of Christ compels – It holds us and controls us.

▶ The sacrifice

A Life Lived For Him

- ▶ He gave Himself for me – I will live for Him.
 - ▶ In His death we die
 - ▶ In His life we live

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- ▶ Real faith provides the motivations to live energetically and enthusiastically for God.
 - ▶ Is your love for God and your desire to please and glorify Him the life-guiding principle that governs you?
 - ▶ It starts with salvation and continues in sanctification as the disciple of Christ (who is a devoted follower of Jesus) eagerly learns God's Word and longs to live God's way as he is empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to produce other Christ-like disciples.