

No Longer Living for Self

Introduction: "The Savior did not die for us so that we might go on living our own petty, selfish lives the way we want to live them. Rather He died for us so that we might henceforth turn over our lives to Him in willing, glad devotion" (MacDonald).

- I. Living for \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 5:1-13)
- A. There is great comfort in knowing that no matter what happens to a child of God here on earth, nothing can take away their \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.
  - B. Our bodies are \_\_\_\_\_ dwelling places (2 Pe. 1:14).
  - C. The Lord Jesus is in heaven now \_\_\_\_\_ our homes (Jn. 14:1-3).
  - D. Here in this body we have many aches, pains, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Ro. 8:22-23; Phil. 3:21).
  - E. God \_\_\_\_\_ us to spend eternity with Him.
  - F. Knowing we are heading towards our eternal home should cause us to live by \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 17:24).
  - G. If forced to choose between life on earth and life in heaven, we would wisely choose \_\_\_\_\_.
  - H. Until then we are to live a life that is \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.
  - I. Live your life in light of the judgment seat of Christ—you will give an account for how you \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (Lu. 19:17; Ro. 14:12).
  - J. We need to have a healthy \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Pr. 9:10; Heb. 10:31).
- II. Living for \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 5:14-21)
- A. Christ's love for us is the greatest of all \_\_\_\_\_ to serve Him.
  - B. "We do not evaluate men according to their racial background or their social background or their color. We know that according to the old nature they are all \_\_\_\_\_ in sin. But Christ died for all of them. Christ died for the Ph. D. and He died for the man in the gutter. He died for all" (McGee).
  - C. Salvation brings \_\_\_\_\_--there is no other way to change a lost person.
  - D. After our salvation we are given the \_\_\_\_\_ of reconciliation—the responsibility to share the news of how a person could be made right with God.
  - E. We are sent out as ambassadors of Christ to represent Him to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - F. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is in heaven (Phil. 3:20).
  - G. Christ took our sins upon Himself and in return gave us His \_\_\_\_\_.
  - H. The only way to be reconciled with God is through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Col. 1:20-22).

Conclusion: "Faithful ministers are Christ's ambassadors, sent to treat with sinners on peace and reconciliation: they come in God's name, with His entreaties, and act in Christ's stead, doing the very thing He did when he was upon this earth, and what He wills to be done now that He is in heaven" (Henry).