

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Lessons from 2 Corinthians

2 Cor. 3:1 - 5:10

A. The blessings we have in Christ.

1. We have a salvation and ministry that is completely sufficient for us and for everyone. (3:1-11)
 - our salvation is only in Christ (3:14-16)
2. We have a salvation that is glorious and everlasting. (3:11)
3. We have freedom from sin and condemnation. (3:17)
4. We are being transformed into the image of Christ by God in us. (3:18)
5. We have been given life!

B. The blessings we have should drive us to have certain behaviors in our life. We are all ministers. We are all to be “salt and light”. We are all to share the Gospel. How then should we act?

1. We are to have lives that are read by all and are to reflect Him. (3:2-3)
2. We are to live in His sufficiency and power. (3:5)
3. We are to be bold witnesses and share the Gospel. (3:12)
4. We go forward in service to Him each day. Circumstances do not cause us to quit. (4:1-10, 16-17)
 - enduring while remembering the work of Jesus
 - remember suffering is temporary
5. We stay true to His Word and proclaim it. (4:2)

6. We are to be servants of Jesus and proclaim Him (4:6,13)
 - the light of God should be evident within us (3:2-3, 4:6)
7. We are to walk in humility and rely upon Him. (3:5, 4:7)
 - Why is this so important? (John 15:5, James 4:6) Depend upon Him each day. (Gal. 5:16, 25)
8. We are to see our lives as instruments for His use. We are here for a purpose. Use your spiritual gift(s), live the Great Commission. (4:11-12)
9. We are to be transformed by the resurrection. (4:14)
10. We are to bring Him praise and glory while impacting the lives of others. (4:15)
11. We are to keep our eyes and heart focused on eternity. (4:17-18)
 - seek to be molded into what God wants you to be (4:16)
 - see adversity as temporary and as development. Surrender and serve Him. (4:17-18)
 - remember the promise and hope of eternity in heaven with God (4:17-18)
 - see your body as a temporary “tent” but with a promise of a “building” from God (5:1-2)
12. We are to walk by faith and to desire to be with Him. (5:6-8)
 - We must examine our heart to determine where our true desires lie.
 - God does not want us to live a life of discouragement
13. We desire to please Him. (5:9)
14. We remember we are accountable to Him. (5:10)

>> Do others see Jesus in me? Am I walking each day with dependence upon Him?
>> Am I so focused on today that I forget about heaven, eternity, and life with God?
>> Do I see life through His lens? Do I genuinely focus on pleasing Him each day?
>> Do I trust Him with everything in my life?