

LESSON 5 - 2 Corinthians 5



DAY 1 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

DAY 2 2 Corinthians 5:6-11

DAY 3 2 Corinthians 5:12-15

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DAY 5 2 Corinthians 5 Review

Day 1 *Begin your study with time in prayer. Ask God to show you His truth.*

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Day 2 Pray for our church, Pastors and their wives.

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 5:6-11

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Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: Paul was not afraid to die because he was confident of spending eternity with Christ. Of course, facing the unknown may cause us anxiety, and leaving loved ones hurts deeply, but if we believe in Jesus Christ, we can share Paul's hope and confidence of eternal life with Christ. Death is only our moving day, it is the beginning of our eternal life with God.

1. What truth was Paul implying? (v6)

2. Paul says we should live (walk) how? (v7)
 - a. What does that mean to you?

3. What should be our aim (our goal) and why? (v9-10)
 - a. What does Ephesians 2:8, 9 teach you?

Verse 11 *"Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord" ...***Apart** from Jesus, we should fear the terror of the Lord, for He is a just judge. The word "Terror- phobos" means fear, or dread. If you have placed your faith and trust in Jesus Christ, you have been delivered from that terror.

4. What does the "terror of the Lord" have to do with persuading men to come to Christ?

Commentary: "We persuade men: Knowing the place of men both apart from Jesus, and in Jesus, we persuade men to come to Jesus and know what it means to be delivered from the terror of the Lord!... The message is not "Watch out for the terror of the Lord," though there is a place for that message. The message is not "If I don't persuade men I might face the terror of the Lord, so I better get to work!" Instead, the message is, "I have been delivered from the terror of the Lord, and you can be delivered too! Come to Jesus!"¹⁰

Day 3 Pray for our Nation, State and City Officials.

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 5:12-15

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Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

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Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: Verse 14-15: The love of Jesus controlled Paul's and his companion's lives. Because Jesus died for us, the scripture tells us we are dead to sin, we are new creations. We no longer live to please ourselves but we desire and long to please and bring glory to the Father.

Just in case anyone might have misunderstood, Paul adds, "we do not commend ourselves again to you". In other words, he was not boasting about his trials, weaknesses and struggles, no, he wanted to give the Corinthian Christians the opportunity to be proud of him, to "boast on our behalf". Paul did not seek recognition for himself but he sought that men would glorify God because of what He had done in and through Paul in the good times and bad times.

There was a Missionary by the name of Sundar Singh. This young man carried the gospel across the Himalayas many times and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ in India and Tibet. He, like Paul, suffered many trials and temptations. Here is one story that expresses his understanding of living for the glory of God. Once a nobleman approached Sundar and posed a question to him. It is not the question, so much, that catches your attention in the story but the comment made by the nobleman and Sundar's response. *"He said to Sundar, "What is needed is a teacher who can unite the best of all religions and discard the unworthy. Jesus in this new religion would be the greatest revelation of God the world has ever seen, ...you, Sadhu Sundar Singh, would be the prophet of this new way of Jesus. you would go down in history as a greater prophet than Guru Nanak, ..or Mohammed."* Sundar sat and stared at the nobleman for a long time. Finally he said, *"You have been sent to tempt me by appealing to my pride. But your scheme will not work...I teach and preach only Jesus. He is the one and only true manifestation of God. His is the only one who can lead men to new life and enlightenment in God...all other religions will surely pass away, but Jesus Christ shall remain forever. I serve only Him, and I seek no glory for myself. I do as He leads me and I count it a joy to suffer the privations (the hardships) of life in serving my Lord...I seek no other glory but His."*¹¹

1. Who is Paul referring to at the end of verse 12? (see 2:17)
2. What did Paul say about these men? (v12)
3. What do you glory in? Are you more concerned with what people think or in pleasing God?
4. God is not fooled by appearances? What do 1 Samuel 16:7 and Proverbs 20:27 tell us?

Day 4 Pray for Missionaries

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and write it out in the space below.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Step 2 Learn the Lesson- What does the verse mean?

Step 3 Listen to His Voice - What does the verse mean to me?

Step 4 Cross Thoughts- Record cross reference verse(s) or other verses that came to mind.

Step 5 Live in Response- How will I respond and what will I do differently?

Theme: _____

Digging Deeper

Commentary: It's amazing how your perspective of people and the worldview changes once you become a follower of Jesus Christ. Suddenly you are seeing things and people through His eyes. Because you belong to Christ you have become a new person inside and out. Your heart has changed, your speech and even the way you dress or carry yourself. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! Our focus and desire now is to please Him. The Life Application Bible states it this way: "We are not reformed, rehabilitated or reeducated- we are re-created" all by the grace of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. What has God changed in you since coming to Him?

2. What do you still want God to change in your life?
 - a. Are you diligently seeking Him and being obedient in this area? why or why not?

Commentary: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). We cannot work our way to heaven or be reconciled to a holy and just God. We need a Savior, a mediator and Jesus is the only one who was qualified to fulfill God's requirement of perfection. Jesus willingly took upon Himself the punishment for sin that every man and woman deserves. Through our faith in Jesus, we are given the ministry of reconciliation. Pastor Guzik writes: "Now God expects us to take up the ministry of reconciliation, and has therefore committed to us the word of reconciliation."¹² Reconciliation comes to the lost through the preached Word of God in order to reconcile men and women to Himself.

3. What has God given us? (v18)

4. What is an ambassador? and How do you live out your role as Christ's ambassador?

5. According to verse 21 why should we be reconciled to God?

Day 5 Pray for your Bible teacher and small group

Step 1 Look in God's Word- Read the passage given below from your bible. As you read, highlight or underline a verse that stood out to you the most and complete the S.O.A.P method for your study today.

Read 2 Corinthians 5

Digging Deeper

We are approaching today's lesson using the S.O.A.P method. "S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. It's a great way to delve more deeply into your Bible reading, and record your thoughts, emotions and observations when studying Scripture. S.O.A.P. is meant to be a journal you create with your regular Bible reading, but it can also be an effective tool to help you connect with particular passages."

Scripture: What verse from the entire chapter stood out for you today?

Observation: What did you notice today that you had not seen before?

Application: What do you have to do or change to apply what you learned today?

Pray: Write a prayer of repentance, praise, thanksgiving...whatever the Spirit is leading you to do.