

# Resurrection Life

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A Simple Life of Courage That, Most of All, Pleases Jesus  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10

## Setting the Context

- How did we get to this point? See verses 4:1-5; 10.

## By faith we courageously keep influencing, though we prefer "home" with Jesus. (vv. 6-8)

1. Courage to influence comes from trusting specific promises. (vv. 6-7)  
*2 Cor. 5:6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, z for we walk by faith, not by sight.*
2. This courage keeps focusing on "home" with Jesus. (v. 8)  
*2 Cor. 5:8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

## Thus, we simplify life: please the Savior & count on Him to reward us at "home". (vv. 9-10)

1. Driven by a single goal: bringing pleasure to the Lord Jesus. (v. 9)  
*2 Cor. 5:9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.*
2. Understanding our actions: receiving the outcome of our conduct. (v. 10)  
*2 Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*
  - a. This judgment's premise: we belong to the Lord Jesus!  
*Rom. 14:8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.*
  - b. Every individual believer will be involved.
  - c. Jesus will evaluate the quality of our works – pleasing?  
*1 Cor. 3:13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.*

**1 Cor. 4:5** *Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.*

d. Based on His assessment we receive rewards corresponding to our efforts.

i. Note this general theme of "rewards" - receiving what is deserved.

**1 Cor. 3:8** *He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.*

ii. The positive is emphasized so as to motivate for Jesus' sake.

**1 Cor. 3:14** *If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.*

iii. The negative is included so as to caution us.

**1 Cor. 3:15** *If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.*

### Reflection/Discussion:

1. How have you done this week in remembering your coming new body? Read through verses j5:1-5 and list the key elements that most excite you. How can you "remember to remember" them this week?
2. How does this reality of a promised new existence fill you with courage (bravery) to speak of Jesus and His gospel? How does this relate to the idea of verse 7, "for we walk by faith, not by sight"? Identify 2-3 people already in your life who do not yet know the Savior? Will you pray for them this week?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:9 three times. How would you describe what it means "to please" Jesus? Think of a few ways in which you please the Savior in your life; now consider a couple of ways you could improve in this area.
4. Explain the relationship between bringing pleasure to Jesus (v. 9) and the judgment seat of Christ (v. 10). What most excites you about this event? What most intimidates you?

### SONGS

"HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US" – Stuart Townend

"GOD IS FOR US" – M. Farren, J. Ferguson, T. Kleyn, J. Reeves, J. Robinson, J Tealy, R. Thompson

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD" – David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"BUILD MY LIFE" - Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, and Matt Redman

### BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 24,021.53

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$699,788.30

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$757,953.00