

Sermon Title:

“What Is It That Motivates Us To Share The Gospel?”

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Sermon Text:

II Corinthians 5:1-21

1.25.15

In this well-known passage, Paul highlights three things that serve to motivate us in this matter of sharing the gospel:

I. We Are Motivated By The _____ Of Our _____ With _____
(5:1-9)

- An “*earthly home/tent*” is simply a reference to our _____, and his reference to “*a building from God*” is a reference to our future _____.
- *Ephesians 1:13-14*

We live in the land of the _____, while all the while we long to live in the land of the _____!

- *Philippians 1:21-24; 3:20-21*

II. We Are Motivated By The _____ Of Our _____ To _____
(5:10)

- *Paul gives us several facts concerning the nature of the Judgment Seat of Christ:*

A. The Judgment Seat Of Christ Is _____, Not _____ (v. 10)

- *For Christians, appearance at the Judgment Seat of Christ is **not optional**, but _____!*

B. The Judgment Seat Of Christ Will Be _____, Not _____ (v. 10)

- *Why do you think we are told about this? Well, no doubt, in part we’re told as a matter of _____!*

C. At The Judgment Seat Of Christ Believers Will Be Evaluated _____, Not _____
(v. 10)

- *The Judgment Seat of Christ is not a _____; instead, each believer will be evaluated _____!*

D. The Judgment Seat Of Christ Will Be An Evaluation Of Our _____, Not Our _____
(v. 10)

- There are only 2 categories of deeds in a person’s life – *the _____, and the _____!*
- *I Corinthians 3:12-15*

E. The Judgment Seat Of Christ Will Be Thoroughly _____, Not Merely _____ (v. 10)

- The word translated “**appear**” actually means, “to be _____,” or “to be manifested.”

III. We Are Motivated By The _____ Of Our _____ To _____ (5:11-17)

- What does the phrase “**Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others**” mean?
- *It was sobering in the sense that it produced a _____ given the fact that he would one day stand before Christ, and it was motivating in the sense that it caused him to _____ with lost people everywhere to turn from their sins and come to Christ!*
- In **v. 14** the word “**controls**” literally means, “_____.”
- *Like Paul we too are not only motivated by the _____ (reverential awe) of the Lord, but we are also motivated by the _____ of the Lord*
We are literally _____ by fear and _____ by love!
- *Let’s be honest, our problem isn’t a lack of motivation, if anything our problem is that we lack a heart of _____!*

Conclusion:

Oh that God would grant us a new and profound understanding of the wonder of our own salvation and the nature of our motivation which in turn would result in _____ and _____ obedience in fulfilling our responsibility to Christ!

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.