

REASONS FOR SERVING GOD 2 Corinthians 5:10-20

Introduction:

Why do we serve God? Some do because they want to; others because they feel they have to; some because they love to; others because of wrong motives (money, fame, recognition, praise). Based on our text, we will examine five reasons for serving God.

- I. **We Are Ambassadors for Christ** (v. 20)
 - A. The Ambassador is an official representative of one's country who resides in the court or Capital of another country.
 - B. **Our citizenship is in Heaven, but we represent God's interest on earth.**
 - C. **Our duty is to reconcile men with God** (vv. 18-19)

- II. **We Have Our New Life** (v. 17)
 - A. "A New Creature" is a born-again Christian Believer.
 - B. "A New Creature" can rest assured that his old self and old ways will never be counted against him again (Rom 8:1).
 - C. "A New Creature" delights in pleasing God.
 - D. **Christians should have a testimony about Jesus** (Mark 5:19).

- III. **We Receive the Love of Christ** (v. 14)
 - A. **The love of Christ for us caused Him to die for us** (v. 15)
 - B. **Christ died to create a new man**

- IV. **The Terror of the Lord** (v. 11)
 - A. **The terror of the Lord is God's terrible judgment on sin and the horrors of Hell.**
 - B. **We should persuade others about the terror of the Lord**
 - C. **Plead with them earnestly with a sense of urgency**

- V. **We will be Rewarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ** (v. 10)
 - A. **The judgment of Believers will determine his reward and the degree of reward, whether good (gain) or bad (loss).**
 - B. **Has your service for God been wholehearted? Constant? Voluntary?**
 - C. **The Judgment Seat of Christ is a great reason for Believers to serve God in a great way.**

Conclusion:

- A. **Here Am I, Send Me**
- B. **Romans Road to Salvation:**
 1. **I am a Good Person** (Rom 3:10; 23)
 2. **Is sin a big deal?** (Rom 6:23)
 3. **Why would Jesus Die in my place?** (Rom 5:8)
 4. **How can I be Saved?** (Rom 10:9).
 5. **Will God accept me?** (Rom 10:13).

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).