

2 Corinthians Ch 5

June 30, 2024

Module 5, Room 1



Happy upcoming 4th of July and
celebration of Freedom,
and the 5th Anniversary of the start
of the Logos class at FRC

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

✓ *June 9, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 3*

✓ *June 16, 2024 – Group Meeting in Banquet Hall – Dr. Bob Reccord teaching*

✓ *June 23, 2024 – 2 Cor Ch 4*

✓ *June 30, 2024 – 2 Cor Ch 5, **Celebration on the grounds***

• *July 7, 2024 – 2 Cor Ch 6*

• *July 14, 2024 – 2 Cor Ch 7*

• *July 21, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 8*

• *July 28, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 9*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *IDF Casualties in Gaza are on the rise as Israel moves closer to ridding the area of terrorists.*
- *Hezbollah is increasing all forms of terrorism against Northern Israel, and Israel is responding with attacks on missile sites, weapons depots, Damascus and Aleppo airports, and Iranian strongholds in Lebanon/Syria. US/Other countries asking citizens to leave Lebanon.*
- *Israel moving ground forces and Air assets further north and repositioning the Iron Dome and other defensive systems.*
- *Iran is warning the US, and the US is warning Iran – a tinderbox of problems waiting for a spark. Iran threatening to annihilate Israel if Hezbollah escalates.*

US/World

- *The Presidential Debate – Fallout and Foreign View*
 - *World was watching*
 - *End of Biden era now widely anticipated, 7 months to go*
 - *How will China, Russia, N Korea, and Iran take advantage?*
- *Big Argument about PM Netanyahu addressing a joint session of Congress on July 24th*
 - *I think there is NO CHANCE he will not come, and I think his talk will solidify Israel's support in Congress*
- *Talk of replacing Biden at the Convention some thoughts...*
 - *If he resigns president early, we get Kamala Harris*
 - *If he says he will not run again, he serves out his time, and a replacement is named at the Convention, but with only 2 months to campaign. Expect a raucous convention in Chicago in mid-August*
 - *If he declines to go away, the Democrats have already selected him, and it will just play out*

Last Week...

- *We picked up in 2 Cor Ch 3 and finished through Ch 4*
- *We covered again the*
 - *Basics of a Competent Minister of the New Gospel*
 - *The Surpassing Glory of the New Covenant including a discussion of Ceremonialism in Corinth then and in our world today*
 - *The Veil that Hides the Truth of the Gospel*
 - *The Blinded Eyes of Those Who Do Not Believe*
 - *The Tribulation and Triumph of Believers*
 - *The Endurance when we fix our eyes on the Unseen Goal ahead*
- *Today we will cover:*
 - *The Joy and Judgment to come (5:1-10)*
 - *The New Creation (5:11-19)*
 - *Ambassadors for Christ (5:20-6:2)*

2 Cor 5 – Before we start Chapter 5

I want to talk about 2 subjects that will help us with what Paul says in this chapter.

1. Body, Soul, Spirit

2. Death

The first I will talk about now, and the second I will begin before we begin verse 11

2 Cor Ch 5 Understanding *Body, Soul, and Spirit*

Understanding the basic elements of any living creature is pretty straightforward.

We are composed of two basic parts:

- ***That which is physical and material*** – This is what is called the body. This part is easy to understand. It is all the physical aspects of us...height, weight, hair color, eye color, skin color, build, attractiveness, and any visible impairments.
- ***That which is Spiritual and Immaterial*** - This part is more confusing and murkier. Certainly, it is our intellect, our mind, our humor, our quickness, our personality and what about a spirit?
- ***These traits are common in people, and animals. Each has a body and a personality, but what do you call it? And how is it different between a dog and a human?***
- ***Sometimes it is called a Spirit, or a Soul, and what about the Holy Spirit when we become a Christian? How does it all work?***

2 Cor Ch 5 Understanding the Soul and Spirit

I confess I have as many Q's as anyone on how this all works but some things are pretty clear from scripture.

The intangible unseen spiritual side of any living creature is called Life and all living creatures have it. Humans have something else. We are made in the image of God. Since God is Spirit, we must conclude this image is spiritual and not physical. It is our capacity to understand something bigger than ourselves and seek a relationship with our maker. There are elegant words to describe it but we know it makes us different than other animals.

Some say we are a two-part being, with a **Body and a Soul/Spirit**

Others say three-part, adding **Body, Soul, and Spirit** as separate parts

You don't have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body.

C. S. Lewis

2 Cor Ch 5 Soul/Spirit -This is a very deep discussion

Theologians have argued 2 parts or 3 parts for centuries and my thoughts are it is better to think of us as 2 parts with a Soul that is really “us”, and the body we live in. I think the Spirit part of us in God's image undergoes a radical change when we accept Jesus, and we are a Saved Soul with a Body... but I am not dogmatic about it.

*In any case, for the sake of this chapter, let's think of it as two parts, and our physical part is called a **tent**, or **dwelling**.*

2 Cor Ch 5:1. ...Awaiting the New Body

Remember last week, we talked about our bodies aging, and getting weaker as we age due to the sin that entered the world with Adam and Eve? In our own personal situations, it does seem like problems come in rapid rate to diminish our strength, mobility, and memories. I am longing for a new body without those limitations.

*5 For we **know** that if the **earthly tent** we live in is destroyed, **we have a building (body) from God**, an eternal house in heaven, **not built by human hands**.*

2 Cor Ch 5:2-5 Groaning and Longing

² *Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling (immortal bodies),*

³ *because when we are clothed, we will not be **found naked**.*

⁴ *For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling(immortal bodies), so that what is mortal (our earthly bodies) may be swallowed up by life.*

⁵ *Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

2 Cor Ch 5:6-10 ...Lots to unpack (believers)

⁶ *Therefore we are always **confident and know** that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.*

⁷ ***For we live by faith, not by sight.***

⁸ *We are confident, I say, and **would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.***

⁹ ***So** we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.*

¹⁰ *For we must **all** appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, so that **each** of **us** may receive what is **due us** for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*

Paul seems focused on trouble/death, including his own

Remember these verses:

- **2 Cor 1:4** – ⁴ *who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God*
- **2 Cor 1:8,9** – ⁸ *We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great **pressure**, far **beyond our ability to endure**, so that we **despaired of life itself**. ⁹ *Indeed, we felt we had received the **sentence of death**.**
- **2 Cor 4:8,9** - ⁸ *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;*⁹ *persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*
- **2 Cor 4:11,12** - ¹¹ *For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.*
- **2 Cor 4:4,5** - ⁴ *Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger.*

2 Cor Ch 5:11-12 *What do we take pride in?*

*¹¹ Since, then, **we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.***

*¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to **take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart.***

2 Cor Ch 5:13-15 Are we crazy?

13 If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

14 For Christ’s love **compels us**, because we are convinced that **one died for all, and therefore all died.**

15 And he died for all, (so) that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Cor Ch 5:16-19a New Person – New Ministry

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

*¹⁷ Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ**, the new creation has come (or **that person is a new creation**);*

The old has gone, the new is here!

*¹⁸ All this is from **God**, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the **ministry of reconciliation**:*

*¹⁹ **that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.***

2 Cor Ch 5:19b-21 Ministry of Reconciliation

*And he has committed to us the **message of reconciliation**.*

*²⁰ **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.***

*²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin (a sin offering) for us, **so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.***

This ministry is so important because unless a person is brought close to God, and the Sin that separates them is taken away, there is no salvation and no new creature in Christ. Our job is to be helping to bring the estranged back to the Lord.

Next Week

- *Have a Happy and Blessed Freedom Celebration*
- *Read 2 Cor Ch 6, and come back to discuss*
- *Pray for God to move in the US, Israel, and the leaders*
- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and your friends both inside and outside of the church. Pray for healing for those in grief.*
- *Pray that Israel stays in God's will and does His Will*
- *Pray for families to be strengthened not divided as the world spins toward judgment*
- *Pray for those who don't know the Lord to come to Him*
- *"Be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16).*