**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Our achievements in life will be primarily compelled by our motivations.
      1. What motivates you, impels you, and drives you, will cause you to be whatever you end up being.
   2. We need to be motivated to be a soul winner.
      1. We want to bring souls to Christ.
   3. Perhaps the mightiest soul winner was the Apostle Paul.
   4. In 2 Corinthians 5, we find out what motivated Paul and what made him to be the greatest missionary the world has ever known.
2. the soul winner’s compulsion (2 corinthians 5:9)
   1. Paul had a compelling motive that drove him.
   2. 2 Corinthians 5:9
      1. This was Paul’s compulsion and why he worked so hard.
         1. It is also the reason why we work so hard.
      2. This does not mean that we work in order to get to Heaven.
         1. Paul is saying that he wants God to be pleased with him.
   3. If we are not endeavoring to bring souls to Christ, then we are not acceptable to God.
      1. It doesn’t matter how much money we give, how faithfully we attend church, how eloquently we may preach, or how circumspectly we may walk.
         1. If we are not trying to bring souls to Jesus Christ, then we are not pleasing Him.
      2. No matter whom we may please, we are a failure if we displease God.
      3. If we please God, then it really doesn’t matter how many people we displease.
   4. The way to please God is to bring souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.
      1. This is our compulsion.
   5. Andrew Murray, a great Christian of yesteryear, said that there are two classes of Christians:
      1. Soul winners
      2. Backsliders
3. the soul winner’s compensation (2 corinthains 5:10)
   1. 2 Corinthians 5:10
      1. There is a day coming when we will be compensated.
         1. The Bible calls that the Judgment Seat of Christ.
            1. This is not the Great White Throne judgment where the unsaved will appear.
      2. The Greek word for “judgment seat” in this verse is the word, “Bema.”
         1. The “Bema” was a raised platform in the middle of the Olympic field where runners would come and receive their reward, or else they would be disgraced and receive no reward.
      3. We will be compensated as we win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ.
   2. 1 Corinthians 9:24-26
      1. If we want to get the crown, then we must train ourselves.
      2. We have to discipline ourselves.
   3. One day, we will face the Lord and receive a crown if we are a soul winner.
      1. When we win souls to Christ, we don’t receive a corruptible crown, but an incorruptible one.
   4. What is the Judgment Seat of Christ?
      1. It will be a reward for some and a regret to others.
      2. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15
         1. One day, the way we lived will be made manifest.
         2. The fire will try every person’s work to see what sort it is, not what size it is.
            1. God is looking for quality, not quantity.
         3. Every saved person is going to come to the Judgment Seat of Christ.
            1. If you are a soul winner, then your life will be gold, silver and precious stones.
            2. If you’re not a soul winner, then your life will be wood, hay and stubble.
         4. Our lives will be revealed and tested by fire.
   5. The Judgment Seat of Christ will be a reward for some.
      1. Some people say that they don’t believe in rewards, but God does.
         1. Revelation 22:12
         2. 1 Corinthians 3:8
         3. Matthew 6:20
            1. Not everyone is going to be the same in Heaven.

This verse makes no sense if we all have the same treasure.

* + - * 1. There is treasure that we are going to lay up.
    1. The Judgment Seat of Christ that the Apostle Paul is talking about in 2 Corinthians 5 is a time of reward.
  1. The Judgment Seat of Christ will also be a time of regret for some.
     1. 1 Corinthians 3:15
        1. Some will be singed but saved.
           1. Everything that they have lived for will go up in flames.
     2. One day, you will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ and receive the things done in the body, whether they be good or evil.
     3. There will be no soul winning in Heaven.
        1. All the soul winning we will ever do for all eternity we must do now.
        2. How sad it will be to go to Heaven and not have brought any souls to Jesus.
     4. Some say that if they just make it to Heaven, that will be fine with them.
        1. 1 Corinthians 3:15
           1. The Bible says clearly that if anyone’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss.
     5. We don’t win souls in order to get to Heaven; we get to Heaven by the grace of God.
  2. The Apostle Paul said that his compensation is the Judgment Seat of Christ.

1. the soul winner’s conviction (2 corinthians 5:11)
   1. 2 Corinthians 5:11
      1. We persuade people.
         1. Paul did not have a take-it-or-leave-it attitude.
      2. Paul knew that there is a death to die and a judgment to face.
      3. “Knowing the terror of the Lord.”
         1. That is, knowing what it means for a soul to die unredeemed and go to Hell.
   2. There is a place of everlasting fire that the Bible calls Hell.
      1. When we lead a soul to Jesus Christ, they no longer face an eternity in Hell or the terror of the Lord.
         1. They can know the grace of the Lord.
      2. Some people believe that there is no Hell.
         1. If there is no Hell, then the Bible is a bundle of blunders.
            1. The Bible warns us over and over again about Hell.
         2. If there is no Hell, then the Lord Jesus is a deceiver.
            1. The greatest Hell-fire preacher in the Bible is Jesus Christ Himself.
            2. Mark 9:43-44
         3. If there is no Hell, then Calvary was a mistake.
            1. Jesus died on the cross to save us.

He was humiliated, beaten and bruised.

He was spat upon.

They pulled His beard from His cheeks.

His back was striped with marks from the lash.

He was bruised by the rods.

Nails were driven into His quivering hands.

He cried out to God asking why He had forsaken Him.

Matthew 27:46

With all of this, would Jesus have died to save souls from a Hell that didn’t exist?

* + - 1. If there is no Hell, then how can there be any Heaven?
         1. The same Bible that tells us about Heaven also tells us about Hell.

We can’t pick and choose; we can’t say that we only believe the parts that tell us about Heaven.

* 1. We have a generation of people who have failed to understand the terror of the Lord.
     1. The Bible speaks of people living in the last days who have no fear of God.
        1. Romans 3:18
  2. God is a God of love, but if we preach the love of God to the exclusion of the judgment of God, then we’ve only given half the truth.
     1. When half the truth becomes the only truth, then that half of the truth is an untruth.

1. the soul winner’s compassion (2 corinthians 5:13-15)
   1. 2 Corinthians 5:13-15
      1. “Whether we be beside ourselves” means whether we’ve lost our mind or be insane.
         1. There were people who were saying that the Apostle Paul was mentally unstable.
      2. Paul’s compassion was driving him.
      3. Paul is speaking of the love of Christ that was shown to him and that is now shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost.
   2. How can we say that we love the Lord Jesus and not be concerned for the souls for which He died?
   3. It is not a love for souls that motivates us, but it’s because we love Jesus.
      1. John 21:15-17
      2. We love people, but the chief motivation of our lives is His love for us, and therefore, His love through us.
   4. God loves us, and He loves those all around us and wants them to be saved.
2. the soul winner’s confidence (2 corinthians 5:16-17)
   1. 2 Corinthians 5:16-17
      1. Paul’s confidence was that he knew that if he led a soul to Christ, then that person would be a new creature.
         1. He or she becomes brand new in the Lord Jesus Christ.
      2. “Henceforth know we no man after the flesh.”
         1. Paul did not look at people as to whether they were big shots or little shots, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, weak or strong, famous or non-famous.
            1. That is of the flesh.
         2. He saw them as souls for whom Jesus died.
   2. We tend to see people according to the flesh.
      1. All people are important to Christ.
      2. The up and out are just as lost as the down and out.
      3. The down and out are just as precious as the up and out.
      4. We should never call any man common if Jesus Christ died for him.
   3. We need to see every person as our potential brother or sister.
      1. We need to have the confidence that if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature.
         1. 2 Corinthians 5:17
   4. When we fish for men, we take men out of a horrible life into Heaven, into a beautiful life.
3. the soul winner’s commission (2 corinthians 5:18-20)
   1. 2 Corinthians 5:18
      1. We have been called to the ministry of reconciliation.
   2. 2 Corinthians 5:19-20
      1. We have been reconciled by Calvary.
      2. God has brought us to Himself.
      3. God did not save us simply to sit and to sour, but to serve.
   3. We have been reconciled; therefore, we have been given a ministry of reconciliation.
      1. That is, to get people reconciled to God.
   4. In this passage in 2 Corinthians, Paul says that we are appointed Heaven’s ambassadors.
      1. An ambassador is someone who represents the person of a King in the court of another.
      2. We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ.
         1. You can’t get any higher than being an ambassador to the King of kings.
      3. God has anointed and appointed us.
         1. If we are not interested in being an ambassador when we’ve been appointed an ambassador, then we are guilty of treason against Heaven’s King.
         2. To refuse is not only ineffective, but it is a revolt.
      4. If we are not interested in evangelism, then to some degree, we are in apostasy.
   5. There are people stumbling in darkness who can walk in light if we will only open God’s Word and share with them how to be saved.
      1. You don’t have to be trained to witness to someone; just share what Jesus has done for you.
      2. Then, get trained and learn how to witness.
   6. If you received a thousand dollars for every soul you led to Christ, would you share Jesus more often?
      1. It’s really a matter of motivation.
4. CONCLUSION
   1. 2 Corinthians 5:9
      1. It doesn’t matter how many people applaud you, if you don’t please Jesus, what difference does it make?
   2. Will you endeavor to wins souls to Jesus Christ?
   3. Ask God to lay someone on your heart and to win that soul through you.
   4. If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord, all that is necessary for you to be saved has already been done.
      1. Jesus suffered, bled and died on the cross to pay your sin debt.
      2. He rose again from the dead to show that He is the Son of God, and He wants to save you.
      3. Jesus will save you if you will trust Him.
   5. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   6. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16