

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for May 30, 2010

“More Beyond!”
2 Corinthians 5:9-10

How did Paul’s confidence in the glorious future that awaited him beyond the grave express itself in the here and now?

Paul’s confidence in the glorious future that awaited him beyond the grave expressed itself through an intense longing (2 Corinthians 5:1-5).

Paul’s confidence in the glorious future that awaited him beyond the grave expressed itself in unflinching courage (2 Corinthians 5:6-8).

Paul’s confidence in the glorious future that awaited him beyond the grave expressed itself in his ambition to live a life pleasing to the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).

The reason that Paul gave for his ambition to live a life always pleasing to the Lord was because he knew that beyond the grave he would have to appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10).

We will appear before the judgment seat of Christ so that each of us might be recompensed for the deeds we have done in our bodies (2 Corinthians 5:10).

The word “recompensed” (KOMIZO) means “to receive back what is due” whether punishment for a criminal or a reward for one to be honored.

Christ at His judgment seat will examine everything we have done in our bodies whether “good” or “bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Even though the works we have done in our bodies, whether good or bad, will be judged at Christ’s judgment seat, we will not find ourselves condemned (Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 2:24).

Though the purpose of the judgment seat of Christ is to recompense believers for the deeds done in the body whether good or bad, the outcome will not be one of condemnation but rather one of reward (1 Corinthians 3:12-15).

May God give us the grace to focus on the glorious future that is awaiting us beyond the grave so that we might be able to live a life more pleasing to Him.