

Week beginning Monday April 5th 2020

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2 Corinthians Chapter 5 - Chapter 4 theme Contd. Questions for thought:

Can we honestly say we'd rather be dead than alive in this decaying body?

Is our purpose in life to get a good verdict on judgement day (v 10)?

Is our witness about Jesus such that people think we're 'out of our mind'?

V14 What controls our daily life decisions? What does, 'new creation' mean to you?

Be overwhelmed by the import of v 21

Chapter 6 –

As Christians, Paul says, we shouldn't criticise those who minister to us. Why not? (cf 11:4)

Paul maintains that he has always acted with integrity, do we may cause others to stumble?

Do we recognise love as the motive behind ministry – ours and others – or something else?

14-7:1 A digression. If God is really living in us, is He embarrassed by some of the things that go on there? Check 7:1

Chapter 7 – vv 2-16

Let's be friends again -we can't preach reconciliation if we're not.

v.5 picks up thread from 2:13 and Titus makes Paul happy bringing good news – What was it?

Chapter 8 -

A lesson on giving. Not a tithe, but according to what we have. There's the challenge to examine our giving. How much and why? Does v 15 help?

There's also a lesson on pastoral love – thinking what we've learned of the Corinthian church read vv 7,8 again.

Chapter 9 -

Note how our actions affect how others behave! Vv 1-5

But to live with the same generous heart that God has we need His grace. Cheerful generosity comes from the Lord!

The section ends with v15. Let's let our thanks for His generosity overflow into our cheerful giving.