God's Upgrade

Tony Mauck · 2 Corinthians 5:1–9

INTRODUCTION

- I have written above 2 Corinthians 5 these two words, and I don't know who said it, but I liked it, and I wrote it down in my Bible. God's upgrade.
- Everything about our existence here shouts impermanence, temporary, not lasting.
- We should look for this time with eager anticipation, longing to be clothed with immortality, that what is mortal may be swallowed up with life.

1 Prepared for This Very Purpose

2 Corinthians 5:5; John 14:2–3; 1 Thessalonians 5:9–10

- Now he who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.
- God has prepared us for this, not for hell. Hell is prepared for the devil and his angels, Matthew 25 and 41.
- God has not destined us or prepared us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us.
- We have something so amazing and incredible that really cannot be put into words ahead of us.
- He has given his spirit as a pledge or a down payment.
- We have simply tasted of the good word of God and of the things to come. There is much more in store for us.

2 Prefer to Be at Home with the Lord

2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23

- We are of good courage, I say, and preferred rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.
- Lord, we want to go to heaven. We just don't want to go right now.
- I'm a little concerned about the strength of our attachment here. Could it be true that our preference is not where it needs to be?
- Paul said, I prefer this upgrade right now. And he says that in Philippians chapter 1, to depart and be with Christ is very much better.
- Who in heaven will pine for Super Bowls missed? Or any other thing missed for that matter?

3 Our Ambition: To Be Pleasing to Him

2 Corinthians 5:9; Philippians 2:3; Ephesians 5:10

- Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to him.
- The do as I please attitude, it is the very essence of sin.
- We exist, we were created, we were designed and fashioned to please him.

- Selfishness is not your friend. It is your enemy.
- He who wishes to save his life shall lose it. But he who loses his life for my sake shall find it.
- What is mortal shall be swallowed up by life. Why? Because we have lived a life pleasing to God.

THE CHALLENGE

Latch on to these things that have eternal implications. Serve the Lord while there's time and opportunity.

MY NOTES