



INTRODUCTION: In II Corinthians chapter 5, we find out what motivated Paul and what drove Paul to be the greatest missionary known to man.

I. THE FAITH SPREADER'S COMPULSION (II CORINTHIANS 5:9)

Paul is not saying that the reason he spreads the gospel is in order to be accepted into Heaven. What he is saying is that what motivates him in spreading the faith is his desire to be acceptable unto God.

"There are two classes of Christian; soul-winners and backsliders." – Andrew Murray

II. THE FAITH SPREADER'S COMPENSATION (II CORINTHIANS 5:10)

1. There is a day coming when we will be compensated and the Bible calls this the Judgment Seat of Christ.
2. The word for "judgment" here is **bema** (βῆμα , bay'-ma) which has the implication of that which a person would set their foot on.
3. The Bema Seat was a raised platform in the middle of an Olympic field where runners would come and receive their awards or else they would be disgraced and receive no award. There would be a laurel wreath placed on the heads of the winners that would eventually wilt and fade away.

I Corinthians 9:24-26, "24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:"

I Corinthians 3:11-15, "11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every

man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

Revelation 22:12, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

I Corinthians 3:8, "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."

Matthew 6:20, "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:"

III. THE FAITH SPREADER'S CONVICTION (II CORINTHIANS 5:11)

Paul knew that there was a death to die and a judgment to face. What Paul was saying is that knowing what it means to die unredeemed and spend an eternity in Hell, we persuade men; we spread the faith.

Mark 9:43-44, "43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."

IV. THE FAITH SPREADER'S COMPASSION (I CORINTHIANS 5:13-15)

V. THE FAITH SPREADER'S CONFIDENCE (II CORINTHIANS 5:16-17)

VI. THE FAITH SPREADER'S COMMISSION (II CORINTHIANS 5:18-21)
