

Sermon notes for 2-13-05

Morning: “What Happens When a Christian Dies?”

II Corinthians 5:1-15 (Pew Bible page 1027)

- I. We experience an Incredible **Transformation**— We Enter our new **House**— “Earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from Heaven.” II Corinthians 5:2, 5:1-5
- A Transformation which **Challenges** us. “For we that are in this tabernacle do **groan**, being burdened.” II Corinthians 5:4
 - A Transformation which will **Crown** us. “That mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now He that made us for this very purpose is God.” II Corinthians 5:4-5
 - A Transformation which now **Comforts** us. “God Who hath given us the earnest (guarantee) of the Spirit.” II Corinthians 5:5
- II. We reach a Joyful **Destination**— We Encounter a person in **Heaven**— “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” II Corinthians 5:8, 6-8
- Present in His **new body** for us. “Who shall change our **vile body** (our body of humiliation) that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body.” Philippians 3:21 (1044)
 - Present in His **new blessing** upon us. “Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are **pleasures for evermore**.” Psalm 16:11 “As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.” Psalm 17:15
- III. We stand before a Loving **Evaluation**— We Experience His eternal **Honor**— “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in the body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” II Corinthians 5:10, 9-15; “Then shall every man have praise of God.” I Corinthians 4:5; Matthew 25

“What has been your motive?”

“How have you spent your time, tithe, and talent?”

“Have you gone the ‘second mile’?”

“When did you make a sacrifice?”

“Was yours a heart of love?”

“Were you **faithful** with your talent, your gift, your ability?”

The reward we seek: “Well done thou good and **faithful** servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” Matthew 25:21 The “**fear of the Lord**” (Verse 11) and “**the love of Christ**” (Verse 14) are joined and in harmony only AT THE CROSS.

What we need today is FAITH— Forsaking **All I Take Him**— “For we walk by **faith**, not by sight” II Corinthians 5:7

Evening: “The Final Anti-Christ and the Triumph of the Gospel!”

II Thessalonians 2:1-14 (Pew Bible page 1051)

The Tyrant— “That **man of sin . . . the son of perdition.**” II Thessalonians 2:3

- A **Beast**— “I saw a **beast** rise up out of the sea.” Revelation 13:1 (1096)
- A **Boaster**— “And there was given unto him a **mouth** speaking great things.” Revelation 13:5
- A **Blasphemer**— “And he opened his mouth in **blasphemy** against God, to **blaspheme** His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in Heaven.” Revelation 13:6
- His **Wound**— “His deadly **wound** was healed.” Revelation 13:3
- His **World**— “All the **world** wandered after the beast.” Revelation 13:3
- His **War**— “Who is able to make **war** with him? . . . And it was given to him to make **war** with saints.” Revelation 13:7
- His **Worship**— “All who dwell on the earth will **worship** him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Revelation 13:8, “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not **worship** the image of the beast should be killed.” Revelation 13:15; “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.” Revelation 13:18

The Temple— “So that he as God sitteth in the **temple** of God, showing himself that he is God.” II Thessalonians 2:4

- **Worship by Sacrifices** of the Old Testament Temple will be presented. “Rise, measure the **temple** of God and the altar and them that worship therein.” Revelation 11:1 (The Tribulation is the “delayed” last seven years of the Old Testament dispensation!)
- The **Word of the Saviour** of the New Testament will be proclaimed! “And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy and thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothes in sackcloth.” Revelation 11:3; “And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.” Revelation 11:7-8 Moses and Elijah will proclaim salvation through the Gospel, the Cross of Jesus Christ as instructed by Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Luke 9:31)

The Time— “Only He Who **restrains** will restrain until He be taken out of the way.” II Thessalonians 2:7

- **A Time Revealed in Scripture**— (Daniel’s Seventh Week of Years) “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.” Daniel 9:27
- **A Time Restrained by the Spirit**— “Until He be taken out of the way.” II Thessalonians 3:7
- **A Time of the Reaping of Sin**— “And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.” Revelation 6:16; “And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” Revelation 7:14

The Temptation— “Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and lying wonders.” II Thessalonians 2:9

Satan brings:

- A **Departure** in the Church— “There comes a **falling away** first.” II Thessalonians 2:3 Read II Timothy 3:1-5
- A **Delusion** in the World— “And for this cause God shall send them strong **delusion.**” II Thessalonians 2:11

The Triumph— “When He shall come to be **glorified** in His saints and to be **admired** in all them that believe.” “Whom the Lord shall consume with the breath of His mouth, and shall destroy with the **brightness of His coming** . . . God hath chosen you to salvation . . . He called you by our Gospel to the **obtaining of the glory** of our Lord Jesus Christ.” II Thessalonians 2:8, 13-14; “We shall behold **the beauty of the Lord.**” Psalm 27:4