2 Corinthians

Lesson 4
"for we walk by faith, not by sight--"
2 Cor. 5:7

Two Choices of How We Live

- In just a few words, the apostle Paul reveals two ways we can choose to live on the earth
- Depending on which we choose, we will be led to think and act differently toward God and others
- We will also view human nature differently whether we are specially created by God or simply equal to animals

What Does It Mean To Walk By Sight?

- To walk by sight means we live insisting that we believe and trust in only what we can see
- Walking by sight is contradictory because we do trust in many things we cannot see such as beliefs about things in history or in the future

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- If we cannot see it, we do not trust it
- Therefore, this life is about only the physical and man himself is only a physical being
- Goal of life is to satisfy our physical selves with material things only

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1Co 15:32 If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

1Jn 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

1Jn 2:17 The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

What Does It Mean To Walk By Faith?

- To walk by faith means we are strongly convinced of, believe in and trust in God
- The evidence for believing and trusting in God is found in observing His Creation and studying His Word, the Scriptures
- This evidence from Scriptures includes miracles, fulfilled prophecies and eyewitness testimony of reliable witnesses
- We live trusting in the invisible God who created all and promises eternal life

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Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him,* for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Rom 10:17 So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

What Does It Mean To Walk By Faith?

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom 1:17 For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

What Does It Mean To Walk By Faith?

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

What Does It Mean To Walk By Faith?

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself.

Jas 2:18 But someone may *well* say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

Man Is Special Having A Dual Nature

2Co 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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Ecc 12:7 then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Of What Value Is Our Soul?

Mat 16:26 "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Willing To Endure Temporary Suffering For Unseen Eternal Glory

2Co 4:17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

2Co 4:18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Willing To Endure Temporary Suffering For Unseen Eternal Glory

Joh 14:1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

Joh 14:2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

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Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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Heb 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Focusing On Eternal Unseen Things

Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

God Will Provide Our Spirit With An Eternal Body Suited For Heaven

2Co 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2Co 5:2 For indeed in this *house* we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven,

2Co 5:3 inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.

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2Co 5:4 For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.

2Co 5:5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

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1Co 15:50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

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1Co 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Our Main Goal In This Life Is To Please Christ Preparing To Be With Him Eternally

2Co 5:6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord--

2Co 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight–

2Co 5:8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

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2Co 5:9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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Php 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Php 1:22 But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

Php 1:23 But I am hard-pressed from both *directions,* having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better;

Php 1:24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

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Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

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1. What does it mean to walk by sight?
2. What does it mean to walk by faith?
3. Some guiding principles of those who walk by faith