

Living for Heaven

- I. **The superior glory that comes through Jesus and the Holy Spirit**
 - A. Moses and the glory of God (Exodus 33:7-23; 34:4-7, 27-35)
 - B. The glory of the Church
 - 1. Ministers of a New Covenant that brings life (II Corinthians 3:3-6)
 - 2. The ministry that brings righteousness (II Corinthians 3:7-9; 5:20-21)
 - 3. “Since we have such a hope, WE ARE VERY BOLD” (II Corinthians 3:12).
 - a. A surpassing glory that lasts (II Corinthians 3:10-11)
 - b. The veil of Moses (II Corinthians 3:13-16)
 - c. Freedom, transformation, ever-increasing glory (II Corinthians 3:17-18; John 14:11-14; Acts 1:4-8; 4:29-31)
- II. **The glory of God releases ministry to the world and causes us not to lose heart (II Corinthians 4:1).**
 - A. Because of the Spirit we are holy and sensitive to our conscience (II Corinthians 4:2).
 - B. Satan blinds the minds of unbelievers (II Corinthians 4:3-5).
 - C. God makes us aware of light and the knowledge of God (II Corinthians 4:6).
 - D. We have this treasure in jars of clay—supernatural grace for holiness and power from God, not us (II Corinthians 4:7).
 - E. We have great endurance (II Corinthians 4:8).
 - F. We sacrifice so that others may know the Lord (II Corinthians 4:9-15)
 - G. We don’t lose heart because of an inner life with Christ, and because we fix our eyes on eternity (II Corinthians 4:16-18).
- III. **The living-for-heaven lifestyle (II Corinthians 5:1-10)**
 - A. Those who live for heaven are the most fruitful for this present world (C.S. Lewis).
 - B. The Spirit is a deposit of what is to come. To walk in the Spirit is also to be aware of heaven (II Corinthians 5:4-5).
 - 1. The transcendent nature of being filled with the Spirit and worship (Ephesians 5:15-20)
 - 2. Characteristics of near-death experiences (especially love)
 - C. Our goal is “to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it” (II Corinthians 5:9).
 - D. We must appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ (II Corinthians 5:10).
 - 1. When we accept Jesus as Savior, we pass from death into life (John 5:24).
 - 2. The Judgment Seat of Christ is a judgment of the believer’s motives and actions. There exists the glorious potential for rewards for works done in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible refers to some of these rewards as crowns (I Thessalonians 2:19-20).
 - 3. The Great White Throne Judgment awaits every person who does not trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior (Revelation 20:11-15).

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