

“Heavenly Focus of Paul”

2 Cor. 5:1-10

Introduction

- I. The life of Paul has been studied for centuries.
- II. A great admiration and desire to be like him has often been the result.
- III. Paul kept his focus on getting to Heaven, and we should all do likewise.

Discussion

- I. Paul understood that this world is not all that there is (2 Cor. 5:1-10).
 - A. Abraham lived his life with the same understanding (Heb. 11:8-10).
 - B. Peter wanted Christian to understand this same truth (1 Pet. 2:11).
 - C. The true citizenship of Christians is not found on Earth, but rather Heaven (Phil. 3:20-21).
- II. Paul longed for a place of rest (2 Cor. 4:16-18).
 - A. A faithful child of God should understand that being with the Lord is better (Phil. 1:21-23).
 - B. The things that awaited Paul were not to be compared with the struggles of this life (Rom. 8:18).
- III. Paul trusted God and knew that He would fulfill His Word (2 Tim. 1:12).
 - A. Paul did not doubt that God would give him a crown (2 Tim. 4:6-8).
 - B. Many attribute Hebrews to the writing of Paul, and if that is true, then Paul knew that God kept His Word with Abraham, and in turn would keep His Word with Christians (Heb. 6:11-19).

Conclusion

- I. It is truly sad that so many children of God do not have the focus that Paul had (Phil. 3:13-14).
- II. We do not have to doubt, and we can have hope (2 Tim. 1:7; Rom. 8:15).