

“One Great Ambition.2”
Real Ministry in a Dot.Com World • part 11
2 Corinthians 5:11-17

INTRODUCTION

- man changes the outside

“You can’t change the water in the well by painting the pump.”

– author unknown

- Jesus changes the inside...first

Mk. 3:21, 22; Jn. 10:20; Acts 26:24; Heb. 11:36-39

1. The change (5:17)

2. Evidence of the change (5:11-13, 16)

- godly character and integrity

Rom. 14:8

“Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones.”

– Phillip Brooks

“Character is the most effective means of persuasion.”

– Aristotle

Emmanuel Bible Notes

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- purpose and ambition

- how we treat others

3. Effector of the change (5:14-15)

- “the love of Christ controls us”

- “He died for all”

Rom. 5:6-8; 1 Thess. 5:9-10; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Tit. 2:13-14

CONCLUSION

“Why does the Church stay indoors? They have a theology that has dwindled into a philosophy, in which there is no thrill of faith, no terror of doom and no concern for souls. Unbelief has put out the fires of passion, and worldliness garlands the altar of sacrifice with the tawdry glitter of unreality. The Holy Ghost cannot conquer the world with unbelief, nor can He save the world with a worldly Church. He calls for a crusade, a campaign, and an adventure of saving passion. For this enterprise He wants a separated, sanctified and sacrificial people.”– Samuel Chadwick