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Sermon Guide Notes: January 4, 2026

Sermon Guide: 2 Corinthians 5:1-21
Sunday: 1/4/26

Title: Eternal Hope, Our Present Mission

Key Verse:

2 Corinthians 5:9 (NKJV)

'Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.'

Main Points:

1. We Live with Eternal Perspective

(2 Corinthians 5:1–8)

Cross reference:

Philippians 3:21 (NLT) – 'He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.'

2. We Live to Please the Lord

(2 Corinthians 5:9–15)

Cross reference:

Romans 12:1 (NLT) – 'And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.'



3. We Live as Christ's Ambassadors

(2 Corinthians 5:16–21)

Cross reference:

Matthew 5:14 (NLT) – 'You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.'

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV) – 'Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.'

Action Steps for the Week:

- Think on what your identity as a new creation in Christ is showing people.
- Ask God who He would have you reach out to this week with the message of reconciliation.
- Live with a clear aim to please Jesus in your words, thoughts, and actions.
- Start reading ahead into 2 Corinthians 6 as Paul urges us not to receive God's grace in vain and shows us how to live faithfully in a resistant world.

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