



MESSAGE NOTES

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Restoration through Sin Bearing
2 Corinthians 5:11-21

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN that God loves to comfort the brokenhearted...
THEN I could have enjoyed greater calm and courage in the midst of my struggles (2 Cor. 1:3-4)

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN that every single one of God's promises-every...single...one-is fulfilled in Jesus...
THEN He would have been more my focus and savior when I needed God's goodness in my life (2 Cor. 1:20)

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN that Jesus gained the ultimate victory over sin and death...
THEN I would have found greater deliverance over my failures and greater freedom from my fear of death (2 Cor. 2:14)

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN that my sufficiency, adequacy, fitness for serving God comes straight from him and not from me...
THEN I could have had greater confidence in stepping up to serve others and placed less emphasis on my own or others perceived inadequacies (2 Cor. 3:5-6)

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN that the more I ponder and think about God's greatness and glory...
THEN the more I can be freed from my past and transformed in the present (2 Cor. 3:17-18)

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN that God opens people's spiritual eyes to see that Jesus is God...
THEN I would have prayed more for that divine work in lost people's lives! (2 Cor. 4:6)

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN that I can live each challenging day by the all-surpassing renewing power of God and that in doing so the world would see more of Jesus in me...
THEN I would have relaxed more and let God's power shine through my AND OTHERS brokenness...without shame, a critical spirit, or conflict! (2 Cor. 4:7-10,16)

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN that the best was yet to come (As Alfredo told us so well last week!)...
THEN I would have held on less tightly to the things of this world (2 Cor. 5:4-5)

Knowing what we now know...we should _____ seek to _____

2 Corinthians 5:11a

Knowing what we now know...we should _____ in internal _____
rather than in mere external _____

2 Corinthians 5:11b-16

Knowing what we now know...we should _____ in the ministry of _____

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

The only way we could be reconciled to a holy and perfect God was with a holy and perfect offering, which we would not have had if Jesus Christ was not without sin. As Peter declared, "For you know that it is not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed . . . but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:18–19). Indeed, it was the sinless blood of Christ alone (as a sin offering) that was able to bring peace between God and mankind. And with this restoration, we can be "holy in [God's] sight, without blemish and free from accusation". The sinless Christ's death on the cross at Calvary paid the full penalty for the sin of all who believe in Him. Thus, what was lost at the fall was given back at the cross. Just as sin entered the world through one man (Adam), God was able to redeem the world through one man—the sinless Jesus Christ.

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