

# Why Make God the Focus of Your Life

(2 Corinthians 11:25-28)

- Introduction:
1. Do you know what making God the focus of your life could cost you?
  2. (2 Corinthians 11:24-28).
  3. While these things may never happen to us, God did promise us that we would suffer persecution as well (2 Timothy 3:12).
  4. So, it's a fair question to ask why I would want to make God the focal point of my life.

## I. Because it is the Way We Are Supposed to Live

- A. (Ecclesiastes 12:13).
- B. It's the way we were made.

## II. Because of What Jesus Did on the Cross

- A. The humiliation (Philippians 2:8).
- B. The agony of the cross
  1. In the garden (Luke 22:44).
  2. Scourged (Matthew 27:26, 30).
  3. Beard pulled from face (Isaiah 50:6; 52:14).
  4. Crucifixion (Mark 15:24).
- C. The purpose of the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21).

## III. Because of Heaven

- A. John tries to describe his vision of heaven to us in Revelation 21.
- B. Don't we all want to go to heaven because of...
  1. It's reward (Matthew 5:11-12).
  2. It's reunion (2 Samuel 12:23).

## IV. Because of Hell

- A. (2 Corinthians 5:11) Hell has been diminished and all but ignored today.
- B. Hell is...
  1. The wrath of God (Hebrews 10:29-31).
  2. A place of fire (Revelation 20:15).
  3. Eternal (Matthew 25:46).

- Conclusion:
1. I really don't have any other motives to offer you, to encourage you to focus your life on Jesus.
  2. Lesser reasons I may offer pale in comparison to these truths.
  3. All I ask is that you reason about it and make a reasoned decision (Isaiah 1:18).