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I was reading my Bible yesterday when I opened 2 Cor. 5:16. In this verse Paul wrote, *“Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him thus no longer”*. Then I remembered the much comforting letter that I received from Bro. Paul Warford. He wrote, “My greatest joy and comfort is knowing that this life is temporary and that someday, I will get to see my son again and nothing will part us because there will be no more dying and no more tears. I hope that you can share in my joy because someday you will get to see your son again.” Yes, those are the comforting words that the believed Christian’s need to hear or be told.

At least one thing is clear from Paul’s statement, he desires that we take our minds off the physical and seek to know both one another and Christ beyond the confines of this physical world. We must seek to know one another according to our spiritual relationship that we have in Christ. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is no longer with us physically, but we know him spiritually. Our brothers, children, and relatives who died in Christ are no longer with us physically. We know them and can remember them as if they are with us today. Bro. Paul’s son who died 4 years ago still lives with him; my son who passed away one month ago still lives with me and my wife Florence. We are happy and comforted that one day we shall be together and nothing will part us again.

Paul exhorted, *“Set your mind on things above, not on things on earth.”* (Col. 3:2). The Bible gives us direction concerning our origin. It reveals who we are and where we are going. You might ask “Why are we here?” To know why we are here is to understand that we are headed for eternity and this brings meaning to what we are doing here on earth. These “good news” can only be found in one book, “The Bible”.

The word of God assures us that there is life after death. This gives meaning to life before death. If there is no life after death, then life on earth has no meaning. We should simply eat, drink and enjoy the most out of brief life we have. (1 Cor. 15:12-19).

We believe in God who is able to sustain us beyond this world. Otherwise there could be no God and we could not waste our time to worship a God who is not there. The gospel is the Good News. It is good news because Jesus died, and he was buried, and that he was resurrected from the grave (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

God bless you.

