

LIVING in FOCUS

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Big Idea: Focus on the promises and presence of God.

-- In v. 2-3, Paul tells us what he concentrates upon most so that his life might have utmost meaning.

1.) Sit beneath good **PREACHING** (v. 3).

-- v. 3 – *“...and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior...”*

-- Specific knowledge of eternal life in Christ has come to us through the preaching entrusted to Paul.

-- The preaching of the Word of God is an indispensable means by which God has chosen to direct and sanctify us (Matthew 3:1-2, Matthew 4:23, Mark 13:10, Acts 8:4, Acts 10:42, 2 Timothy 4:2).

-- Whenever and whenever the Bible is properly preached, God speaks to us with biblical **AUTHORITY**

-- When God's Word is faithfully preached by the power and direction of the Holy Spirit, God's voice is heard among us.

-- This is one reason why regular attendance in morning worship matters so immensely (Ephesians 4:11-13).

2.) Stand upon God's **PROMISES** (v. 2).

-- v. 2 – “...in hope of eternal life...” (we’ll come back to that phrase) “*which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began...*”

-- Not only is God a God who does not lie, but he is a God who **CANNOT** lie (Hebrews 6:1).

-- Because only that which is true and holy can emanate from God, everything He has promised He will perfectly perform (1 Peter 1:3-5).

3.) Strive for God’s **PRESENCE** (v. 2).

-- The prospect that we might dwell forever in the presence of God is the definitive hope to which all of God’s promises to us in Scripture point (Genesis 17:7-8, Ezekiel 37:26-28, Revelation 21:3).

-- Over and over again, the Bible emphasizes that the best possible place for anyone to be is in the presence of God.

-- Where your **FOCUS** is set, your spirit will inevitably follow.

-- While the perfected presence of God is our greatest future hope, He is present among us today by the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 1 Corinthians 6:18, Ephesians 2:18, Ephesians 3:12).

-- The more we fix our hope on **HEAVEN** the more we will seek God’s presence on earth.

-- A life focused upon the promises and presence of God is a life focused upon the Son of God and His gospel (Col. 3:1-2, Heb. 12:2-4).