

The Christian Life

The Old Has Passed, the New Has Come

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

1. The Present Condition of a Believer: In Christ (v.17a)
What are some of the ways in which the state or the benefits of being 'in Christ' are presented (Rom 6:11; 23; 8:1; 1 Cor 1:2, 4, 30; Gal 2:16; 3:28; etc.)?
2. The New Reality: A New Creature (v.17b)
What are some other ways in which this same idea of being a new creature is communicated (John 3:3; Gal 6:15; Eph 2:4-5)?
 - A. Old Passed Away (1 Cor. 6:11; Gal. 5:16-21; Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 3:5-7)
 - B. New Has Come (Ezek. 36:26; Gal. 5:22-26; Col 3:1-2)
3. The Reconciled are Now Reconcilers (vs.18-19)
 - A. Reconciled to Christ (Col. 1:20-22)
 - B. The Ministry of Reconciliation (Matt 28:18-20; 1 Tim 1:15)
4. Ambassadors for Christ (v.20)
 - A. The Demeanor of the Message (cf. Luke 9:38-40) (beg)
 - B. The Passion of the Message (Matt 9:36; Mark 10:21; Luke 10:19)
 - C. The Power of the Message (John 3:16; Rom. 6:23)
5. The Great Exchange (v.21)
 - A. Jesus' good works are a credit to the believer (Matt. 3:15; 5:20; Heb. 4:15)
 - B. Jesus Bore the Wrath of God for the Sinner (Isa. 53:12; Rom. 8:33-34)
 - C. Jesus assured our eternal inheritance by His resurrection(1 Cor. 15:16-20; Heb. 7:25)