



Our New Identity

Study On 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

2 Corinthians 5 is a chapter that has the ability to deeply impact the way we think about ourselves and the way we live our lives. It says that if anyone is in Christ they are “a new creation; the old has gone and the new has come” (v. 17). All this is the result of God loving us. In what follows we will discover some of the changes Jesus brings to our lives. It’s probably a good idea to read the whole passage all the way through first, and then break it down.

Read verses 14-17.

1. What is Christ’s love like?
2. Why did Jesus die for us (v. 15)?
3. From vs. 15-17 what might it look like to *no longer live for yourself*?
 - a. How does this affect your relationship with God?
 - b. How does it affect your relationship with others?
 - c. How does it affect your relationship with yourself?
4. For you personally, what are some of the most difficult aspects of no longer living for yourself?

Read verses 18-21.

1. What do you think reconciliation means? What are some examples from your own life or from the lives of your friends/family?
2. What does it seem like Paul means by “ministry of reconciliation?”
3. From vs. 18-21 how would you describe **our** ministry of reconciliation?
 - a. What is our motivation for our ministry?
 - b. How are we to think about people?
 - c. What specific ministry do you think Jesus wants you to do this week? Who might He want you to encourage or challenge? Who might He want you to befriend?
4. What motivates you to talk about Jesus? What tends to inhibit you from talking about Jesus?
5. What realizations or reminders did you have from reading this passage? After reading it, what do you want God to change about your personal identity (the way you see yourself)?

Pray for each other.

