

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 5:16-19

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

GET A LIFE

DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.

Part 1

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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Introduction to the Text;

2nd Corinthians 5:16-19

2 Cor. 5:16-19

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. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **18** Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, **19** that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

In the 1990's Hollywood produced a television

sitcom about "Getting A Life". Oprah Winfrey can tell you how to get a new life in 5 easy steps. Even "Star Trek's" Captain Kirk, William Shatner admonished his fans to "Get A Life"

And recently a Canadian newspaper doing a story on crime along the city of Toronto's east shore reported that "when officers arrested a young man for burglary he was overheard to say "I need a new life".

There is not a human alive that at one time or another hasn't thought the thought of "If I could just start life all over again"

“If YOU could just start life all over again”
what would you do differently?

Isn't STARTING OVER laced through the very request for forgiveness? – Can we start again?

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT

1.) Jesus Christ has changed our minds v. 16

...about who People really are !

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS CHANGED OUR MINDS

1a.) Regarding people v. 16

Therefore, from now on,
we regard no one according to the flesh.

Therefore, (In like manner = transformation) from now on,

This “from now on“

Is speaking of “Since being changed, converted, made new”
I have an entirely new way of thinking. I think like Jesus Christ now.

Let This Mind Be in You Which....

Phil. 2:5

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

we regard no one according to the flesh.
Meaning: we no longer judge people based on their ethnicity,
status, wealth or influence. -
we regard no one according to the flesh.

Regard

εἶδω eido, i'-do; the word here is used in the past tense – meaning to have known. Having been aware of what was. “I knew who he was before something happened.” Or “I knew her years ago” or to have known someone who once was.”

The Jesus we knew on earth is the same Jesus we know today except that a radical, profound, awesome, transformation has taken place – Jesus Christ is Resurrected and has Ascended.

It's the Thrust Behind Passages Like:

What John saw & said

Rev. 19:11-13

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. **12** His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **13** He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

What Stephen saw & said

Acts 7:55-56

But Stephen, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, **56** and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

Nothing makes sense without God.
And people make no sense without God

John 3:1-12

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” **:3** Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **:4** Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” **:5** Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ **8** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” **:9** Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” **:10** Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? **11** Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. **12** If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”

When Jesus gets a hold of you – prejudice and biases go out the door. And everyone you speak to becomes a potential brother and sister in Christ.

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS CHANGED OUR MINDS

1b.) Regarding Jesus Christ

v. 16

Even though we have **known** Christ according to the flesh,
yet now we **know Him thus no longer**.

Even though Jesus Christ walked among us and we touched Him and ate with Him saw His miracles and heard His teaching – what’s even better than that, is that He has ascended back into heaven. = He was, is and forever will be God.

This “**knowing** Christ according to the flesh”,

Is a confession of Paul’s regarding his ignorance about Jesus Christ – before His conversion.

It means to estimate, or value Jesus Christ wrongly.
To believe that He is something opposite than Who He truly is.

What is the Significance of an Ascended Christ?
Everything and in every way.

2 Cor. 5:16 NLT

So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view.
How differently we know him now!

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

Come Forward for Prayer

End of Study

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