

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 2

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Introduction to the Text;

2nd Corinthians 5:16-19

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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.

**One time we found a message in a bottle
off the coast of maui, hawai'i.**

"I can't live without you. I won't live without you." - Get A Life

John 10:10

I have come that they may have life,
and that they may have it more abundantly.

abundantly περισσός perissos, per-is-sos'; a superabundant, a superior, an excessive, an advantage,

In Part One We Looked @ Jesus' Power to Change us.

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT

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

1a.) Regarding people v. 16

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

Regard

εἶδω eido, i'-do; the word here is used in the past tenses – 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.”

1b.) Regarding Jesus Christ v. 16

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

All of us at one time had an opinion of Jesus Christ.

Matthew, Mark, Luke & John is All About Changing Minds.

μετανοέω metanoeeo, to think differently or afterwards, to reconsider. to change course or direction. to repent by turning in the opposite. 180.

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!

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT

2.) Jesus Christ has changed our lives v. 17

To **Reform** or to Have a **Reformation** Can be a Good Thing – But Not Always.

You cannot reform a dead man. You cannot reform legalism.

“I Feel Alive” – but are you alive ?

The Bible Teaches That We've All Been **Still-Born** Spiritually.

Ephesians 5:14

Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead. And Christ will give you light.”

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS CHANGED OUR LIVES

2a.) By overpowering our former legacy v. 17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,

Therefore, *if anyone*

Meaning that any one who wants to be changed can be changed.

Better than Reformation - No one is exempt from total transformation.

John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

Joshua 24:15

And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

You have within you – an engineered choice.

God gave that freedom to you. But you are responsible for the decision you make with that freedom. It's yours to make – but what will you do with it?

!!!! Numbers 14:18-19 !!!!

"The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation." **19** Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

Just as Adam and Eve Rebelled against God being over them – you and I used to have that same evil-sovereignty = Sin.

Spiritually Speaking: The **S.I.N. Positive Gene**
is Within Every Human Being.

We sin because we want to.

We Sin because we're sinners.

We do not become sinners when we sin. The sin originated from within us.

Psalm 51:5 NIV

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT
JESUS CHRIST HAS CHANGED OUR LIVES**

By overpowering our former legacy (inheritance)

Only if....

Romans 10:8-13

But what does it say? *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"* (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **11** For the Scripture says, *"Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."* **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. **13** For *"whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,

Our human psyche seeks identification.

We are social beings with a keen desire to know and be known by another.

John 16:7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

John 16:13

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS CHANGED OUR LIVES

2b.) By overpowering our former passions v. 17

he is a new creation;

Recognize The New You

- #1 – Is there a marked difference in you {Passion-Pursuits} ?
- #2 – Is there a lessening of the self-life within you ?
- #3 – Is there an eternal perspective to what you think, say and do ?
- #4 – Is there a Jesus centered mindset that governs you ?

Our Former Passions

Gal. 1:11-16

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to* destroy it. ¹⁴ And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace, ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me,

**Beware Of Both Passions for:
Carnal Lusts or for
Strict Religion**

not a reformation, but a **transformation**.

We once had totally different passions in life.

1 Peter 1:23

having been **born again**, not of corruptible seed but **incorruptible**, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Gal. 6:15

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Eph. 2:1-3

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

A word of **rebuke** and **exhortation**
is needed here

1 John 1:5-6

this is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1 John 2:3

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

**GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT
JESUS CHRIST HAS CHANGED OUR LIVES**

2c.) By overpowering our former reality v. 17

old things have passed away;

Old Thing

ἀρχαῖος *archaios*, **Ar-Kah-Yos**. *ar-khah'-yos*; the original or the primeval. In another world. In a distant time passed.

Eph. 2:11

By The Way – The Book of Ephesians tells us, that as Christians the LORD has already placed us in "The Heavenly Places" in Christ.

Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. ¹² In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. ¹³ But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

We now have...

A New Heart. A Renewed Mind

The Boast That You Can Get a New Heart from God.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

And a Renewed Mind

Rom. 12:1-2

I beseech (urge) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service (worship). ² And do not be conformed (the world has the power to mold you) to this world, but be transformed (metamorphoo) by the renewing (re-appointing, renovating) of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS CHANGED OUR LIVES

2d.) By overpowering our former experience v. 17

behold, all things have become new.

I wanna be careful when I mention the word “experience”.

There are those who base their relationship

With God solely on how they feel

In any given moment, they suffer from a turbulent, inconsistent and defeated Christian life. I am not talking about that kind of experience.

Then there are those who think that

all experiences are carnal

and wrong and should be rejected for fear of being misled. I appreciate their zeal.

Then there are those who know

the truth and possess a balanced

passion, reality, = experience of being a child of God in this world.

Is your relationship with God a good one,
a happy one, a joyful one ?

Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good;

- **How** does God accomplish this change?
- **Why** is being ‘Changed’ so important?
- **When** does this change happen to someone?

Rom. 6:1

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? **2**
Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? **3** Or do you not
know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into
His death? **4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that
just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also
should walk in newness of life.

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

Come Forward for Prayer

————— *End of Study* —————

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