

# 2 Corinthians 5:17

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

# Two “New” Things (2 Cor. 5:14–16)

1. “Those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again” (v. 15).
2. “From now on, we regard no one according to the flesh” (v. 16).
  - NIV: “from a worldly point of view”
  - NRSV: “from a human point of view”

# Two “New” Things (2 Cor. 5:14–16)

1. We no longer live for ourselves, but for Christ.

- Galatians 2:20.
- Jesus lived by this rule: John 6:38.
- Will most certainly affect our teaching:  
John 7:16–18; 2 Cor. 4:5.
- Living for Him involves living for others:  
2 Cor. 4:15; 8:9; 12:15.

# Two “New” Things (2 Cor. 5:14–16)

2. We no longer regard anyone according to the flesh.
  - Which is how the world regards people:  
2 Cor. 5:12; 10:7, 10.
  - “The LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7).

# Two “New” Things (2 Cor. 5:14–16)

2. We no longer regard anyone according to the flesh.
  - Do we neglect to teach those whose “appearance” might be lacking?
  - How do we judge a man to be successful? A woman? Our children?
  - By whose standards do we judge preaching?
  - Whom should we esteem the highest in the kingdom?

# Galatians 6:14–16

“But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a **new creation**. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.”