

- 2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:1, 6

Second Corinthians ... has much to teach regarding the practical aspects of living the Christian life. ~John MacArthur 2 Corinthians page 2

God's Reconciliation of People.

1. God had a _____ for it.

A. Know the terror of the Lord.

[Being] awed by the thought of standing before a Being so holy, so morally superior, so removed from evil that in his presence all human boasting, all human pride, and all human arrogance would vanish as he stands in speechless humility before the One beyond understanding and with trembling lips gives full account of himself. ~R. Kent Hughes 2 Corinthians: Power in Weakness, page 116

B. It is through Jesus Christ.

- Reconciliation does not happen through us, but to us; it is from God, through Christ.
- Christ did not die without exception but without distinction.

C. Make us a new creation.

This is a dynamic assertion which is even more powerful in the Greek because there are no verbs in the original: "If any man in Christ – new creation!" He is radically, fundamentally new. Not only that, but "the new has come!" and, as the Greek perfect tense stresses, will continue to remain. Being "in Christ" is nothing less than ... a total spiritual change. ~R. Kent Hughes Ephesians: The Mystery of the Body of Christ, page 42

2. We _____ when we experience it.

A. We cannot help but respond.

- Reconciliation and the resulting awe of God requires, no demands a response.



B. We no longer live for ourselves. Ephesians 2:1,5

The love of Christ keeps Paul from living for himself. ~David E. Garland 2 Corinthians page 278

C. We see others differently.

- Do we see and make distinctions between people like God?

3. We have a _____ in it.

A. We are ambassadors for Christ. Luke 10:27, Luke 6:27-28

The love of Christ keeps Paul from living for himself. ~David E. Garland 2 Corinthians page 278

B. We implore others.

4. There is only one _____ that could accomplish it.

A. Christ was made sin.

B. We are made righteous.

On the cross God treated Jesus as if He had lived our lives with all our sin, so that God could then treat us as if we lived Christ's life of pure holiness. Our iniquitous life was legally charged to Him on the cross, as if He had lived it, so that His righteous life could be credited to us, as if we lived it. ~John MacArthur, 2 Corinthians page 217

- Justification – Just as if I had never sinned. Just as if I had always obeyed. Just as if I had always lived a life of perfect righteousness.
- Reconciliation: God giving Jesus what I serve and giving me what Jesus deserves.

I am going to _____ in response to God's reconciliation of people?

