

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 3

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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.

**God's Promise to Rescue Mankind from Sin
Is one of the oldest promises in the Bible.**

Gen. 15:6 NLT

And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith.

**Soteriology, the Doctrine of Salvation,
is the oldest prophetic doctrine of the Bible**

Gen. 3:15

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT

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

...about who **People** really are !

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT

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

...about who **Jesus Christ** really is !

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT

3.) Jesus Christ has changed **our everything** v. 18-19

...about who **We** really are now !

I have been arguing that the greatest observable power in the universe is not a nuclear explosion, it is not a 10.0 earthquake, it's not even the combined wealth of those in this world. It is power to change the human mind and someone's worldview perspective.

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**.

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS CHANGED EVERYTHING

3a.) Everything comes **through Christ** v. 18

Now all things are of God, who **has reconciled** (*past tense*) us to Himself (*God*) through Jesus Christ, and **has given** (*past tense*) us the ministry of **reconciliation**,

God **has reconciled** us to Himself **through** Jesus Christ

reconciled **καταλλάσσω katallasso**, *kat-al-las'-so*; - to effect a mutual change or to bring forth the answer for recovery. = **Propitiation**

"Propitiation means the turning away of wrath by an offering. In relation to so'teri'ology, propitiation means the appeasing of or the placating of. The satisfying of the wrath of God against sinners, by the atoning sacrificial work of Jesus Christ."

Charles C. Ryrie (1999-01-11). *Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth*

1 John 2:2

And He Himself is the **propitiation** for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

This "Reconciliation" Demanded Propitiation = appeasement, satisfying,
the act of settling a debt.

God's Anger is Pure and Holy Against All Sinners.

His righteous indignation is building like a Storm and it is only a matter of time before it's unleashed on all those who have no protection against His holiness.

God has reconciled (*past tense*) us to Himself (*God*) **through** Jesus Christ

The Offering has been made. Thus the Offer is Extended
to You & I & the World.

John 3:17-20

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in **the name of the only begotten Son of God.**
:18 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **:19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **:20** For everyone practicing evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

The **Power of the Cross** of Jesus Christ in Us.

God rescues man from himself through Jesus Christ. That act of reconciliation now becomes part of the Christians spiritual DNA. It's that transforming power that causes us to Replicate the ministry of reconciliation toward others.

Simply Put – Christians Become Reproducers. Simpler Still,
We as Sheep Beget Other Sheep.
(through the ministry of reconciliation)

and **has given US** the ministry of **reconciliation**,

Daniel 12:3

Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky,
and **those** who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the **peacemakers**, For they shall be called sons of God.

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS CHANGED EVERYTHING

3b.) Everything comes back to God

v. 19

Verse 19a

that is, that God was **in Christ** **reconciling** the world to Himself,
not **imputing** their **trespasses** to them,

The Incarnation is Being Advanced Here.

That God was In **Christ**, Having Become **Man**, To be Man's **Hero**.

God was **in Christ** **reconciling** the world to Himself,

God Did This. God Invented Salvation.

Any other redemptive idea is a knock-off, it's a lie. It's false.

This is **Prevenient** Grace

That is, that our salvation and hope of forgiveness, our restoration and eternal life is all of God. He has never been distant or aloof. He has communicated to us.

Rom. 5:10-11

For if when we were enemies **we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son**, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved **by His life**. :11 And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom** we have now received the reconciliation.

The Bible Says – God Did This Salvation Thing Exclusively for Us

“The sins of the world have been dealt with by and through Jesus Christ. Yes it’s true that the lost will be judged for the sins that they have committed and will be punished for them. But they are not going to hell because of those sins, Jesus paid for them. **They are going to hell because they have rejected Jesus Christ.**”

1 Tim. 3:16 NLT

Without question (*debate*), this is the great mystery of our faith (*right standing*): **Christ (Incarnate God) was revealed** in a human body and **vindicated** by the **Spirit**. He was **seen** by angels and **announced** to the nations. He was **believed** in throughout the world and **taken (Returned)** to heaven in glory.

The Promises

Isaiah 53:11

When He (**God**) sees all that is accomplished by His (**Christ**) anguish, He (**God**) will be satisfied. And because of His (**Christ**) experience, my righteous servant (**Christ**) will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for He (**Christ**) will bear all their sins.

The Fulfillment

Luke 23:34

Then Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.**”

The Fulfillment

Matt. 27:50

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.
(*and John tells us what He said...*)

John 19:30

“It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

GETTING A LIFE MEANS THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS CHANGED EVERYTHING

3c.) Everything comes from us

v. 19

and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Allow Me To Explain.

Unknown to a lost and dying world, we are their only hope. We have their answer. We can introduce them to God. Everything they need, we have – by having Jesus Christ.

Every True Christian Has Within Them (1) The Way of Salvation for Others and (2) The Power to Transform Another Human Being - - It's The Gospel !!!

2 Cor. 4:7

But we have this treasure (the Gospel) in earthen vessels (our bodies), that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

2 Cor. 4:7 NLT

We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

Acts 1:8

And you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Witnesses – meaning, one who is dead to himself, and lives for Christ.

A man or a woman, a boy or girl – who decides that they are going to live for the glory of Jesus Christ in this Christ-Rejecting world.

When Jesus Christ came bringing His message of the Gospel, He did so by coming into our world that is EOT - Enemy Occupied Territory.

2 Corinthians 4:3-5

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, :4 whose minds the god (Satan) of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. (a picture of someone waking up from a coma) :5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord. = *ambassadors, witnesses.*

Christian - We are now the official “Issuer of peace & recovery” for God here.

In The Context of Christian to Christian

Luke 17:3

Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

In The Context of the Christian to the Non-Christian

Acts 3:18-19

But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. **19** Repent (change your mind) therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, **20** and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you

In the first century Roman Empire;

if the Roman Emperor desired to send a message to a yet unconquered region, he would do so using his “legatus” or ambassador. The action often carried with it the deployment into a hostile region.

You would send your ambassador with a message of peace or demanding surrender. When the ambassador spoke – he spoke for the emperor and the empire. – and so do you.

Reconciliation is both an **accomplished** fact and a **continuing process**. **accomplished** because Jesus’ work was finished. a **continuing process** because we are to appropriate it into our daily lives.

Our ministry is to proclaim what Jesus Christ has **accomplished**. **The continuing process** involves us announcing what He has done.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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

End of Study

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