

# All Things New

## 2Corinthians 5:16-21

**INTRODUCTION:** In Christ, as a new creature, there are some new things that we will experience, enjoy, and practice, not only in heaven, but in the here and now.

### I. A New Perspective (v. 16)

- “Henceforth (from now on) know we no man after the flesh...” You no longer see things strictly from a worldly, earthly viewpoint.

#### A. Everything is spiritual. You use your vision to see others as God sees them

- We learn to view people through spiritual eyes, considering their soul and their destination. What does God think of that person?
- God has given us a new way to look at things.
- Don't think the way the world is telling you to think. Find out what God wants you to do.

### II. A New Person (v. 17)

#### A. A new creature- like a snake becoming an eagle

- You may not see a difference outwardly, especially if it's a child who gets saved. The change is on the inside, and ought to work its way out in your choices, your activities, and your behavior.

#### B. In Christ- nothing remains the same

- There ought to be a distinction between “Before Christ” (B.C.) and “Ano Domini” (the year of our Lord).

### III. A New Purpose (v. 18) “...*hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.*”

#### A. All things are of God. You are no longer living for self

- You gladly give of yourself for God; your time, your income, your life, your will.

### IV. A New Power (v. 19) “*God...hath committed unto us...*”

#### A. The word of reconciliation (Jeremiah 23:29; Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12)

- In Christ, there is a new power in that relationship.
- You must resolve no longer to linger. You must decide that you are going to draw closer to God and let Him use you to do a mighty work. (James 4:8).
  - A right relationship with God is where you'll find the power to do something for Him.

V. A New Position (v. 20-21) “*we are ambassadors for Christ*” “*...made the righteousness of God in him.*”

A. **As Christ died on the cross in our stead, so we take the gospel to others in His stead**

- Take the news of His reconciliation to the world. Take the gospel to others in His place.

B. **An ambassador**

- As a representative of your heavenly King, people are going to be watching you and listening to you. You need to always bear in mind that you represent Jesus Christ.
  - That awareness will cause you to want to live and speak in a way that would honor Christ. It should motivate you to give out the truth of God to the people of this world.
    - Make a prayer list and start praying for lost people who know you and trust you.
    - Start being friendly to people, develop relationships and friendships.
    - Smile when others are complaining. Make others happy. Show them the difference in your life because of what the Lord has done for you.
    - Look for opportunities to talk about the Lord. Ask the Lord to give you somebody to minister to.
    - Pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ to be bold and to witness.
    - Pray that God will give your pastor encouraging and edifying sermons and enable him to preach in a powerful way that reaches people and helps them to serve.
    - Resolve to serve God and represent Him well with the purpose and power He's given you.