



Session 1-4

Our relationship with Christ has made us new. And not only are we made new, but it should change how we look at everyone around us - in light of eternity. Our relationships are an outpouring of our spiritual life. And our relationship with God should completely determine how we intertwine our lives with the lives of those He has placed around us.

Scripture focus

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Prayer

Lord we ask you to open our eyes to things in our lives that don't belong now that we are a new creation. Help us to view others the way You do, and to view ourselves as Your ambassadors, guiding others to reconcile with You. Give us compassion for those who are living outside of Your will and give us the courage to be who You need us to be.

Application to your life

- Verse 14: When He died for us, a part of us died with Him so that we would not live for ourselves but for His purposes.
 - What does it look like to live for yourself versus living for God?
- Verse 16: Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh
 - How would viewing others in light of eternity change the way you interact with them today?
 - Where in your life are you doing this well?
 - Where could it use your attention?