

# Resurrection Life



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**God's Royal Delegation  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**The sacrificial love of Jesus radically transforms the way we view others.**

1. Jesus' death on the cross defines the life of love that we now are freed to walk in.

*2 Cor. 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

2. This *new definition* of love shifts our focus from the seen to the unseen in the way we view others.

*2 Cor. 5:16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.*

3. This *new focus* results in a new way of relating to others that surpasses the old way, in every sense.

*2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

*Gal. 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

**This transformation means new life with God and new gospel influence with others.**

1. The loving sacrifice of Jesus established peace between us and God.

*2 Cor. 5:18a All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself...*

2. This peace is then transmitted through us to others in our areas of influence.

*2 Cor. 5:18b ...and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;*

3. So, we now view others in light of their potential for peace with God.

*2 Cor. 5:19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation*

## We now live to serve others by proclaiming the majesty of the gospel.

1. As God's royal delegation, we proclaim his message of peace no matter the cost.

*2 Cor. 5:20* Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

*2 Cor. 2:14* But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. **15** For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, **16** to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

2. We serve by holding out the purity of the gospel message - peace with God through Jesus.

*2 Cor. 5:21* For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Titus 2:14* (Jesus) gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

## Reflection/Discussion

1. Take time to reflect on verse 17. Does your life reflect this reality? Do you find yourself, at times, drawn back into your "old life"? What fuels that draw (a lie, selfishness, ignorance, lack of resolve)? How can you better combat that inclination?
2. Notice the natural cause and effect of verses 18-19. As those at peace with God, we are to proclaim that peace to others. Journal a letter of gratitude to God for what he has done for you. Who in your life needs that same thing done for them?
3. Think again about the folks in your areas of influence. Do you tend to think about them "according to the flesh"? Brainstorm some ways to better "serve" them this week, as you hold out the gospel.

## SONGS

"YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH" - Matt Maher

"GOD SO LOVED" - Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD" - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"ALL HAIL KING JESUS" - Ran Jackson, Peter Mattis, Jeremy Riddle, and Steffany Gretzinger

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 43,704.55

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$781,975.07

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$830,139.00