

*In Christ*  
2 Corinthians 5:17

I. In Christ

A. Christ died so that we could live for Him (vv. 14-15).

1. We will **all** give an account (v. 10).  
**Therefore...**
2. We persuade others to come to **Christ** (v. 11).  
**Because...**
3. The love of God **controls** us (v. 14).  
**So...**
4. We know He died so that we could **live** for Him (vv. 14-15).

**HINT:** Living for Him means living for others.

B. Christ died so we no longer view others by human standards (v. 16)

**We do not concern ourselves with...**

1. **Nationality**
2. **Status**
3. **Appearance**

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**But Spiritual Condition**

C. Christ died so that we could choose hope (v. 17)

1. **If** anyone is in Christ (v. 17).
2. **If** we confess Jesus is Lord (Romans 10:9).
3. **If** we confess our sins (1 John 1:9).

D. Christ died so that ANYONE could choose hope (v. 17)  
**Christ love can transform ANYONE...**

1. Regardless of their **sin**.
2. Regardless of their **status**.
3. Regardless of their **situation**.
4. His love can even transform **YOU**.

E. Christ died so that we could be in Christ (v. 17).  
**In Christ we...**

1. Have **redemption**.  
“being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 3:24 NAS)
2. Have eternal **life**.  
“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23 NAS)
3. Find freedom from **condemnation**.  
“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1)
4. Are **complete**.  
“We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.” (Colossians 1:28 NAS)
5. Are **blessed**.  
“Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3 NAS)