

A New Evaluation 2 Cor. 5:17-21

Introduction

A. Paul now moves from ministry to message

B. Paul's Message in chapter 5

- Motivation for Ministry (v.11, v.14)
- A different view of people (v.16)
- What does it mean to evaluate people according to the flesh?
- Why do we evaluate people differently as Christians? What has God done?

I. Regeneration – New Birth (v.17)

- To be “regened”
- A new person – a new society
- What actually becomes new?

II. Reconciliation (vv. 18-20)

A. To bring back together; to return to favor

B. God as Author

Christ as Agent (see I Timothy 2:5,6)

Church as Ambassador

- Two-way reconciliation
- A reconciling presence

III. Imputation (v.21)

A. Reconciliation and Imputation

B. The exchange

C. Crediting the account

Conclusion: A Parable of what God has done (Philemon 1)

- The plight of Onesimus
- Paul's Intercession
- A picture of regeneration, reconciliation and imputation