

# Sermon Application Study

December 21, 2025

## Target Passage → 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

1. What does it mean not to regard anyone according to the flesh?
2. What is the difference between the old creation and the new creation of a person who is in Christ?
3. Does everyone have a reconciled relationship with God? Explain.
4. Explain the “wonderful exchange” (Martin Luther) that takes place in 5:21?

**Bridge Passages (for further study) → Romans 5:12-21, Hebrews 4:14-16**

### For Me →

1. How is the Bible’s description of a new creation different from the world’s general description of Christianity (good behavior + new beliefs)?
2. How does the fact that salvation is based on Christ’s righteousness, not our own, change the way you relate to God?

### PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Lord for the righteousness we don’t deserve that we receive only by faith in Christ’s sinless life and substitute sacrifice.

### For the Mission →

Think of someone you will see this Christmas who needs to be “reconciled to God.” (2Cor.5:20). How might you share the gospel with him/her? How can you be praying for him/her?