



CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

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Key verse - 2 Cor 5:17

Following Jesus is more than just turning over a new leaf, it about a new life in Christ. What does this life look like?

1 - Resurrected Life (v1-11)

- a) An Eternal Dwelling Awaits (v1-4) - one day we will be home with Jesus with a new heavenly body!
- b) Resurrection Power in Us Today (v5) - the reality of the Holy Spirit's power working in and through us confirms God's promises and equips us to walk in victory today!
- c) A New Standard of Living (v9) - Paul's chief desire was to please God above all else

2 - Redeemed Life (v11-16)

- a) Christ's Redemptive Love (v10, 14) - the Divine Judge is the same one who hung on the cross in Divine Love! He made us and bought us... we are His twice over!
- b) Marks of a Redeemed Life (v15-16) - we no longer live for ourselves and we no longer see other just based on externals

3 - Reconciled Life (v17-21)

- a) Peace with God (v18-19) - Jesus tore down the barrier of our sin and rebelliousness so that our relationship with God could be restored. We who were enemies of God are now friends of God!
- b) Ambassadors of Christ (v20-21) - ambassadors have high honour, authority, rank and protection to represent their government. Spiritually we speak with the voice of God, taking ground and advance the kingdom of God with the shoes of the Gospel of peace!

QUESTIONS:

How does the hope of heaven change the way you live today?

In what way can you position yourself to experience the reality of the Holy Spirit and live a life pleasing to God?

Jesus' radical love changed Paul and the way he saw himself and others. What are some examples of being more focused on the externals personally and the way we see others? How can we shift our mindset?

What does being ambassador of Christ mean to you? Share.