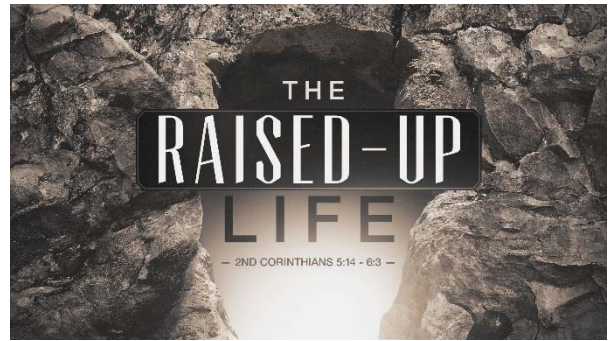


## “The Raised-Up Life”

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:14-6:3



### I. We Have a Resurrected Vision for Life (14-16)

- A. Our motivating force (14a) - “For the love of Christ controls us...”
- B. Our missional fire (14b - 15) - “...because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; 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.”
- C. Our main focus (16)
  - i. We see souls - “From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh...”
  - ii. We see the Savior - “Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer.”

### II. We Have A Renewed View of People (17-20a)

- A. We, ourselves, are now new (17) - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
- B. Our relationship with God is now new (18a) - “All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself ...”
- C. Our message is now new (18b-19) - “...and gave us the ministry of reconciliation... 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.”
- D. Our loyalties are now new (20a) - “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ...”

### III. We Have A Risen Victor to Proclaim (20b-6:3)

- A. Walk with concern (20b) - "...God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. "
- B. Walk in assurance (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."
- C. Walk in usefulness (6:1) - "Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain."
- D. Walk in remembrance (6:2) - "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
- E. Walk in faithfulness (6:3) - "We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry."