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- We exchange our old view of others for a new one, knowing that every person must soon stand before the judgment seat of Christ and be sent to either heaven or hell. We are even willing to be seen as foolish for the sake of the Gospel (2 Cor 5:10-11, 13-15, 18-20)
- We exchange our old view of this world with a new one, with the world to come being our preference and priority (2 Cor 5:6-9)