

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NIV)

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.

Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has

gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to

himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s

sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of

reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God

were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf:

Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,

so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

POINT OF VIEW...

JESUS

- Old (Deuteronomy 21:22-23)
- New (Galatians 3:13-14)

PEOPLE

- Old (1 Samuel 16:7)
- New (Genesis 1:27)

SELF

- Old (Galatians 1:10)
- New (2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Samuel 22:3)

POINT #1: _____ **AND NOT JUST** _____.

MISSION

- Old (Jeremiah 1:7, 17)
- New (2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Psalm 46:10-11)

POINT #2: _____ **AND NOT JUST** _____.

The priority of being before doing. (from Steve Arteburn)

- Doing creates and perpetuates the myth that we're in control; being acknowledges that God's in control.*
- Doing commits us to safety; being acknowledges that the Christian life is one of faith—and that means one of risk.*
- Doing engenders spiritual pride; being produces humility.*
- Doing is about correcting behavioral patterns; being is about spiritual renewal through knowing God.*
- Doing is about reactionary response; being is about thoughtfully, prayerfully, and intentionally bringing what the Bible teaches to bear upon every aspect of life.*