

(1) Look closely at 2 Corinthians 5:16 where Paul says that he no longer regards or looks upon anyone “according to the flesh.” How might this influence the way you and I relate to others in the local church? How might this truth affect the way we view people of a different ethnicity?

(2) What does it mean when Paul says that if anyone is in Christ he is a “new creation”? How can he say this at the same time that we continue to struggle with sin and corruption? How does it affect the way you view life and yourself to know that “old things” have passed away?

(3) From what do we most need to be “saved”? Why do many struggle with the idea that God’s grace has delivered us from God’s wrath? Is there any inconsistency in speaking this way?

(4) In what sense have you and I become “the righteousness of God” (2 Cor. 5:21)?

(5) How deeply do the truths of this passage influence your zeal to share this good news with others? Do you see yourself as an “ambassador” for Christ? What does mean? In what ways is it reflected in how you interact with non-Christians?