

# Christ the Transformer of Culture

November 10, 2024 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-20



## Observations from 2 Corinthians 5:17-20:

What is happening in these verses?

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation... We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” - 2 Corinthians 5:17-20*

**Opening Question:** “What does it look like for us to be part of God’s work in transforming our world?”

- **New Creation in Christ:** 2 Corinthians 5:17
  - Through Christ, we experience complete transformation through salvation. We are set free, set apart, and called to live as new creations.
- **The Ministry of Reconciliation:** 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
  - Christ reconciles us and gives us purpose. We then, share Christ’s mission to bring reconciliation and restoration; so others will know Christ.
- **Ambassadors for Christ:** 2 Corinthians 5:20
  - Ambassadors represent Christ’s kingdom. We live our Christ’s message in a way that seeks to transform the brokenness of our world.

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## Lessons from 2 Corinthians 5:17-20:

What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

- **Transformation Begins with Us in Christ:** *Romans 12:2*
    - When we come to faith in Christ, transformation takes place. We are saved and we are called to grow and live out our faith in Him.
  - **Living as the Light of the World:** *Matthew 5:14-16*
    - Our lives are meant to shine, showing others the grace and truth of Christ to others. We are a work in progress, being molded ever day.
  - **Engaging Culture Without Compromise:** *John 17:15-18*
    - Jesus calls us to engage in the world while remaining set apart. Let us set our minds on things that are higher, not lower.
  - **Transforming Culture Through Small Words and Deeds:** *James 3:4-5*
    - James mentions the power of the tongue. Actions, much like words, can have a profound effect on others.
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## Application from 2 Corinthians 5:17-20:

How can I apply / live out these verses?

- **Be Saved in Christ & Embrace Continued Transformation:** *Ephesians 4:22-24*
    - Believe in Christ and be saved. Commit to personal transformation, allowing God to shape you through prayer, Scripture, and community.
  - **Represent Christ in Every Interaction:** *Colossians 3:17*
    - See each interaction as a chance to reflect Christ's love and grace.
  - **Be a Light in Your Community:** *Matthew 5:16*
    - Let your light shine through acts of kindness, service, and truth. Words that you say & the actions that you do matter to God & others.
  - **Transform Culture Together as the Body of Christ:** *1 Corinthians 12:27*
    - We are called to be an ambassador for Christ, and transform culture together. We are stronger when we work together in the name of Christ. Imagine the profound change that can happen!
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