

Cultural Conversation

– 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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From now on, then, we do not know anyone in a **purely human way**. Even if we have known Christ in a purely human way, yet now we no longer know Him in this way.

– 2 Corinthians 5:16

Our Motivation – People are eternal beings

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

– 2 Corinthians 5:18

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.

– 2 Corinthians 5:19

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Our Reassurance – God works through us