



LIVING MORE LIKE JESUS

BROADENING OUR ACCEPTANCE
2 Corinthians 5:16-17

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*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.*

17 *Therefore, if
anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation.
The old has passed
away; behold, the
new has come.*

(ESV)

1. Reject _____ (v.16)

2. Recognize _____ (v.17a)

3. Accept _____ (v.17b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Corinthians 3:1-7**. In what ways might we be tempted to think like the world by being zealous for well-known Christian personalities? How can we guard against letting that mindset divide our local church body like it did at Corinth?
2. Read **James 2:1-4**. Besides wealth, what kinds of differences can tempt us to prefer certain people in church over others? Why is this kind of favoritism such a serious offense before God?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 1:26-29**. How does it encourage you to know that God handpicked the church family just as he wanted it to be? How can that truth help you form friendships more freely and joyfully?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** and **1 John 3:1-4**. How should the reality that God has made every Christian in our church his child elevate your view of them and deepen the way you value them as your family?
5. Read **Romans 15:6-7**. Since Christ has welcomed you by His mercy and grace, what specific steps can you take to more fully welcome and deepen fellowship with your brothers and sisters in our church?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 13-02 – **Why “As You Are” Can’t Stay that Way**
Msg. 19-32 – **The Life-Changing Message of God’s Church**
Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional About Biblical Fellowship**
Msg. 21-25 – **Saul: A New Family**
Msg. 19-36 – **The Unrivalled Fellowship of God’s Church**
Msg. 14-02 – **Exceptional Love with Exceptional Motives**
Msg. 21-37 – **Shared Struggle & Mutual Aid**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Aug. 31st Ps.145-147 & 1Cor.11:1-15
Sept. 1st Ps.148-150 & 1Cor.11:16-34
Sept. 2nd Prov.1-2 & 1Cor.12
Sept. 3rd Prov.3-4 & 1Cor.13
Sept. 4th Prov.5-6 & 1Cor.14:1-20
Sept. 5th Prov.7-8 & 1Cor.14:21-40
Sept. 6th Prov.9-10 & 1Cor.15:1-32
Sept. 7th Prov.11-12 & 1Cor.15:33-58

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Allison, Gregg R. **Sojourners and Strangers: The Doctrine of the Church**. Crossway, 2012.
Bavinck, Herman. **Saved by Grace: The Holy Spirit's Work in Calling and Regeneration**. RH Books, 2013.
Carson, D. A. **Love in Hard Places**. Crossway, 2002.
Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits**. Banner of Truth Trust, 1969.
Ferguson, Sinclair B. **Children of the Living God**. Banner of Truth Trust, 1987.
Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.
Hamm, Ken. **One Race One Blood: A Biblical Answer to Racism**. Master Books, 2010.
Hoekema, Anthony A. **Created in God's Image**. Eerdmans, 1994.
Holmes, Jonathan. **The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship**. Russell Sage Foundation, 2019.
Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints**. P&R Publishing, 2001.
Stott, John R. W. **The Cross of Christ**. InterVarsity Press, 1986.
Welch, Edward T. **Created to Draw Near: Our Life as God's Royal Priests**. Crossway, 2020.
Wilkins, Steve. **Face to Face: Meditations on Friendship and Hospitality**. Canon Press, 2002.