

## Week 9 - (5:17) New Creation!

### **Text 2 Cor 5:14-17**

14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 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!**

### ***The Horizons of Paul’s World***

| <b>New Creation Promised</b>  | <b>New Fulfilled</b>   | <b>No Longer</b>   | <b>Now / Already</b>   | <b>Not Yet</b>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is 65:17f</li> <li>• Is 66:22</li> <li>• Jer 31:31f</li> <li>• Joel 2:28-32</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acts 2:14-21</li> <li>• Eph 2:15f</li> <li>• Eph 4:22f</li> <li>• John 1</li> <li>• Mark 1</li> <li>• 2 Cor 4:6f</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Cor 15:20f</li> <li>• Eph 1:9-23</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gal 3:26</li> <li>• Rom 5:6f</li> <li>• Rom 6:1f</li> <li>• Heb 10:24</li> <li>• Phil 1:3f</li> <li>• Col 3:1f</li> <li>• Eph 2:1-10</li> <li>• John 5:24</li> <li>• John 11:23-27</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phil 3:12f</li> <li>• Rom 8:18f</li> </ul> |

### **Discussion:**

- What is the difference between looking forward to “new creation” and having “new creation” now?
- If we have “new creation” available to us now, what limits our ability to live it out?
- In what ways can we say that the “old has gone” and the “new has come”? What’s gone? What’s come?
- What is appealing about the image of heaven?
- How might our “living as if we were in heaven” function as a revelation of his purposes?
- In light of the “already new creation” idea, how would you describe the gospel message?
- How does thinking “already new creation” effect our
  - Worship?
  - Life Purpose?
  - Evangelism?
  - Compassion?