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The Way into New Life

My New Life of Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:16–21 (HCSB)

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. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. ¹⁸ Everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, certain that God is appealing through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God." ²¹ He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1. MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST GIVES ME THE _____ OF RECONCILIATION vv 16-17

- Because of my new life, I see people _____ now.
- Because of my new life, I see Jesus differently now.
- Christ _____ my thinking and now I am a new creation with the mark of reconciliation on my life.

2. MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST GIVES ME THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION vv 18-20

- God _____ my relationship with Him by reconciling my life to His.
- I can't have a ministry of reconciliation without first experiencing it myself.
- _____ believer has been given this ministry to those around us.

3. MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST GIVES ME THE _____ OF RECONCILIATION vv 19-21

- I am only qualified to carry this message because God qualified me.
- The message of God's plan has been _____ to every believer.
- We are now Christ's _____ representing Him in a place that is not our home.

The Next Step:

As a new creation in Christ find ways to help reconcile others to God.