

Love Reigns Over Our Past

2 Corinthians 5: 14-21 // Love Reigns Part 2 of 4

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*Many people believe that their past hinders
their present and future.*

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The phrase “in Christ” is used 216 times in Paul’s Letters.

1. **Out With the Old and in with the _____.**
 - Psalm 103:12
 - 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
2. **God’s Love for Us and God’s Love _____ Us.**
 - A love for God is better caught than taught.
 - “An authentic love for God is undeniable—and it’s contagious. When people witness it in the way you live and hear it in the way you speak, they recognize it’s real—and they can’t look away.”
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21
3. **God replaces our wrongness with His perfect _____.**

Weekly Application Point - “Let go of who you were—embrace who you are in Christ. Your past may explain you, but it doesn’t define you. In Jesus, you are made new, and your future is full of purpose, not shame. This week, create a list of ways you have been forgiven, and take that list in prayer to thank God for how He has delivered you in your life.

GROWTH QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to you that “Christ’s love compels us”?
2. When Paul says, “the old has gone, the new is here,” what do you think he means by old and new? How would you describe this in your own words?
3. How does the forgiveness of God in our lives change the way we view other people?
4. What part of your “old self” are you still tempted to hold on to? Why?
5. How do you respond when your past mistakes try to define you again?