

Series: Words of Counsel and Correction

NEW CREATURE

2 CORINTHIANS 5

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Introduction:

Note these words – “All things are become new.”

I'm not opposed to the old-time religion.

Everything that we have in America that is worth having, is due to that old-time religion.

Those people who came to this country came to this country primarily seeking God.

If you read the Constitution, you find that, written in the Constitution—if you read our history, you can find it written large in our history, you can find it stamped upon our money—America is great, because America is a country, based on biblical principles because of the faith of that old-time religion.

Less than one percent of the population, in 1776, were not members of a Protestant church.

These people believed in God.

That is the atmosphere out of which we've come.

Now, let's talk about our progress in America.

We've split the atom; we've walked on the moon; we've made great strides in the medicine, and yet we are deeper problems than we've ever been.

But I submit that the old time religion is also the new time religion.

1. MEANS OF A NEW CREATURE (VS. 15) – “IN CHRIST”

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

This great change which Paul had experienced was not brought about by himself; it came from God, who is the author of the whole scheme of redemption.

2. MEASURE OF A NEW CREATURE (VS. 15) – “ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW”

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Because we are made a new creature our nature has been changed as well and that is why all things are become new.

3. MOTIVE OF A NEW CREATURE (VS. 10-11, 14)

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. ¹¹ Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

2 Corinthians 5:14

¹⁴ For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

