

VOICES FROM THE EDGE: "The Apostle Paul and a Vision of the New Creation"

2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2

I. Intro: The gap

II. A final voice from the edge, _____ itself, calls to us from across the centuries, asking us to stop, see, and trust something wonderful this Christmas Day

A. Here's the amazing part, of all Paul could've _____ to for hope in this hurtful situation, he turns to _____

Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. (2 Corinthians 5:14 NLT)

B. The world's focus is on what's _____ while God's focus was not on the gap but upon a _____: the day when God became man

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:19, 21 NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT)

C. As we see the gift of Jesus unwrapped in God's _____ creation, our hearts fill with hope for a new tomorrow

He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5 NLT)

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