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1. Mar 4	United in Christ	1	No Divisions – Wisdom of God
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5. Mar 25	Influencing for Christ	9-10	All Things to All People
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7. Apr 8	Remembering the Sacrifi	ice 11	Examine Oneself
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9. Apr 29	Enjoying God's Comfort	1	Afflicted for Your Comfort
10. May 6	Displaying the Gospel	4	Light Shone in Our Hearts
応 11. May 13	Becoming New	5-6	In Christ – a New Creation
12. May 20	Giving Faithfully	9	Ministry to the Saints
13. May 27	Finding Strength	12-13	When Weak, then I Am Strong

Theme

Believers faithfully represent Christ by living as new creations reconciled to Him.

- 5:1-10 Earthy Tent vs Eternal House ... Live by Faith
- 5:11-15 Out of Mind Right Mind ... Christ's Love Compels Us
- 5:16-17 Reborn In Christ ... a New Creation
- 5:18-21 Reconciled Ministry of Reconciliation ... Ambassadors
 - 6:1-2 Ready Not in Vanity ... Now Is Day of Salvation









Alternate Title #2



To Hold Tour

when TIME Change

Forever After





Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892), in July of 1869 started his message on 2 Cor. 5:17 thusly:

Human teachers are given to verbiage ...
but the Lord ... writeth as it were in shorthand....



A few books are precious as silver, fewer still are golden; but God's Book hath a BANK NOTE in every SYLLABLE, and the worth of its sentences ... not possible for mortal intellect to calculate.





Outline of 2 Corinthians

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V. Final Greetings 13:11-13

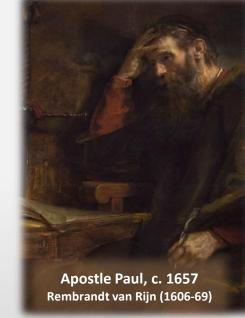




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Last week ... finished w 4:17, Eternal Weight of Glory

Last verse of chapter being 4:18

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is *ETERNAL*.



Seeing the Unseen ... Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-92)

Lectures to My Students, Vol. 2 (London, Passmore & Alabaster, 1893).

So creation, providence, and history, are all books which God has written for those to read who have eyes ... ears to hear his voice in them ... that they may see something of God therein....

What he made with his Word has a similarity to the Word itself by which he made it;

the visible is the symbol of the invisible, because the same thought of God runs through it all.



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There is a touch of the divine finger in all that God has made;

so that the things which are apparent to our senses have certain resemblances to the things which do not appear.

That which can be seen, and tasted, and touched, and handled, is meant to be to us the outward and visible sign of a something which we find in the Word of God,





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and in our spiritual experience, which is the inward and the spiritual grace;

so that there is nothing forced & unnatural in bringing nature to illustrate grace; it was ordained of God for that very purpose.

Range over whole of creation for your similes...

If you keep your eyes open, you will not see even a DOG following his master, nor a MOUSE peeping up from his hole

... without getting something to weave into your sermons



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Then ... Spurgeon gives you a soft example:

When you go home tonight, and sit by your fireside, you ought not to be able to take up your domestic cat

without finding that which will furnish you with an illustration.

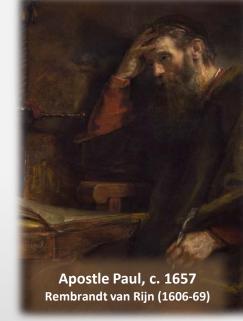
How soft are kitty's pads, and yet, in a moment, if she is angered, how sharp will be her claws.

An Unseen Meaning?

How like to temptation, soft and gentle when first it cometh ... but how deadly, how damnable the wounds it causeth ere long!

To See the Unseen – EVERYWHERE

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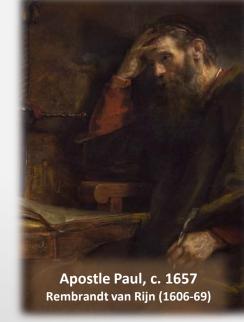
Chapter 5 continues ... our earthly tent will perish

¹ we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands

5:2-6 ... we GROAN ... preferring to be away with the Lord



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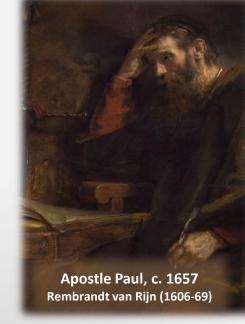
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5:7, For we live by faith, not by sight

Closing this section on Old vs. New ... Earthly vs. Eternal 5:10, For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.



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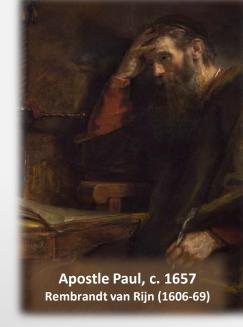


Then a small interlude ... *Paul Getting his Mind Right* 5:11-12, Paul essentially says,

"You'all ... we're just PLAIN folks!"

Then in verses 13-15 ... goodness ... WHAT CAN WE SAY?

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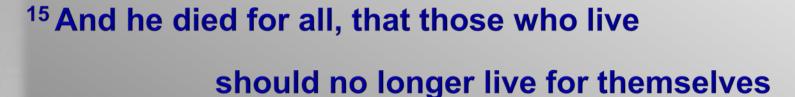
In verses 13-15 ... what CAN we say?

Not really sublime ... or as supernal as so many of Paul's HIGH and LOFTY words that help us touch HEAVEN But these are ... surely they are exquisitely EARTHY



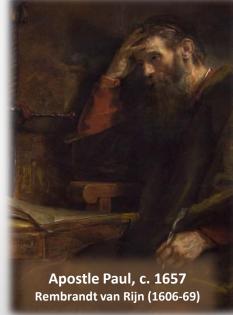
Verses 5:13-15 ... exquisitely earthy interlude ...

- ¹³ If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.
- ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.



but for HIM who died for them and was raised again.

Now to Paul's Purpose





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 be in Christ,

He is a NEW CREATION:

OLD things have passed away, behold, all things are become *NEW*!

"New Creation"? ... and "All things Are Become New"?

What does this mean?



New Creation ... THE difference between

Old & New Testaments

Not just your "old life" and your "new life"

When does "All Thinks Are Become New" MEAN

"When?" I ask ... the precise HOUR?

- ✓ When Jesus said, "It is FINISHED"?
- ✓ When God tore the Temple curtain in two?
- ✓ When Christ was raised from the dead?
- ✓ When Christ ascended to Heaven to God's right hand?





What IS the Old Testament ... Old Covenant that is: COVENANTS ...

- ✓ Adam
- **Don't Eat of One Tree**

✓ Noah

- **Never Destroy with Flood Again**
- Abraham
- 1. Bless All Who Bless Him

- - -

2. Promised Land – Israel

- - -

3. Father of Many Nations

✓ Moses

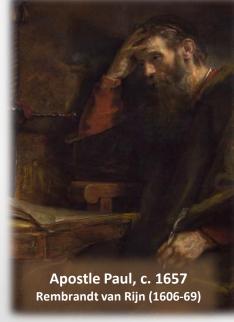
Holy Nation & Ten Commandments

✓ David

King for Royal Lineage of Messiah

Ahhh ... Security in a PROMISE

The Old Covenant!



What IS the NEW Testament ... NEW Covenant that is: COVENANT ... meaning:

- ✓ Believe Christ Paid for Sin

 → You Free
- ✓ Believe Christ Rose

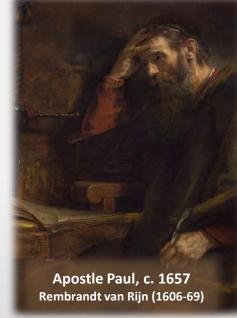
 = You Rise
- ✓ Believe Christ Ascended

 You Ascende
- ✓ Believe Christ Comes Again = You Go Home
- ✓ Believe Christ in Spirit = You Got Christ IN You

Ahhh ... Security in a RELATIONSHIP

Security in Adoption

NEW Covenant = Believe & Born Again!





New Creation ... THE difference between Old & New Testaments

We know NOT the hour or minute ...

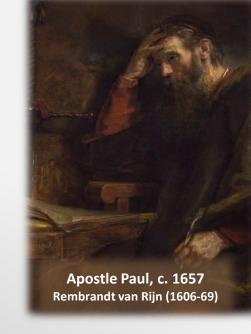
What we DO KNOW ... at Cross & Resurrection

Reconciliation Happened

We Were Redeemed

Whether it was when Jesus declared, "FINISHED"

Whether it was when God tore the Temple Curtain





New Creation ... THE difference between Old & New Testaments

What we DO KNOW ... absolutely ... clearly

WHEN We Were Redeemed

We KNOW the New PARTED from the Old

All Things Were Become NEW What does this MEAN?



Time Changed FOREVERMORE



5:16-17 Reborn – In Christ ... a New Creation **New Creation ... THE difference between Old & New Testaments** At least TWO ways of seeing the difference One is as a TREE ... the seed being the Old The seed ... sown in eternity past Germinated through Abraham ... Moses ... Through Isaiah ... Jeremiah ... Broke ground in Matthew ... Birth of Christ **Great trunk of grew ... Branches Disciples**

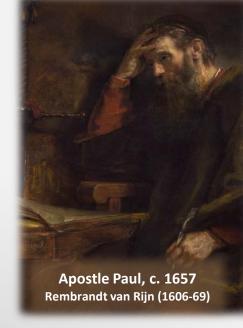
5:16-17 Reborn – In Christ ... a New Creation New Creation ... THE difference between **Old & New Testaments** Tree FLOWERED when Christ ascended Each of us bearing fruit in its season i.e., Old Testament connected to New SEED of Old ... Blooms into the Church Israel chosen by God ... now the Church Jews were God's people ... now All the Redeemed are God's People



Quite DIFFERENT from a Tree ... At its simplest –

You MUST be Born Again





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We Were Redeemed

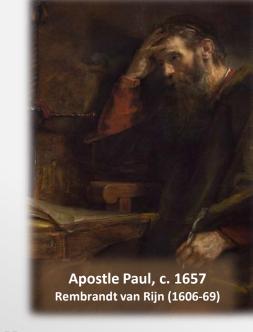
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All Things Were Become NEW

You Are a New Creation





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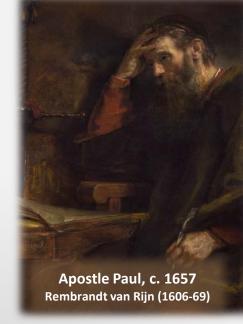
Old & New Testaments

In the Old Testament ...

NO One Was Born Again

Everyone in the Old Testament

- ✓ Looked TOWARD the promise ... to Christ
- ✓ Depended upon God to FULFILL
- ✓ Saved under Old but No SEAL of Spirit in Their Hearts
- ✓ Saved under FAITH of what would COME



New Creation ... THE difference between

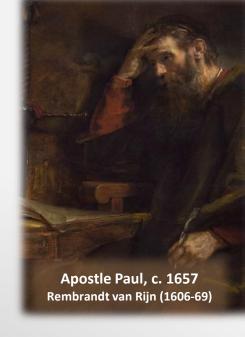
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In the Old Testament ...

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Everyone in the Old Testament

- Did NOT know much about Salvation
- Did NOT know Christ of New Testament
- ✓ Did NOT know much more than PROMISE
- ✓ No SECURITY of the Believer under OLD





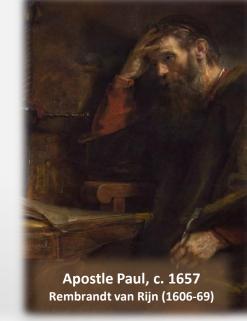
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In Two Words

Old Testament = Law & Obey

New Testament = Grace & LOVE







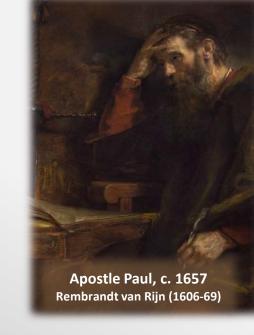
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Main difference is that ... grab a hold of this

Believers Are BORN AGAIN

Everyone SAVED in the New Testament

- ✓ Looked BACK & UP to the Cross of Christ
- ✓ God FULFILLED his Promise ... Redeemed
- ✓ SAVED under a New Covenant





New Creation ... THE difference between

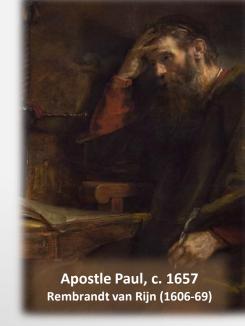
Old & New Testaments

Difference between a Tree & Born Again ... IS

The BODY

Born Again ... New Creation ...

- ✓ Tree Seed is NOT New or Separate Entity
- ✓ Born Again ... Birthed into New Kingdom
- ✓ Born Again ... New Creation ... You the Church
- ✓ New Life ... is ... ah a NEW LIFE





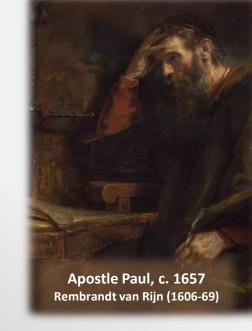
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Born Again ... hear ye, hear ye

New has DNA of Old

Born Again ... New Creation ...

- ✓ Lineage to Old Testament
- ✓ GREATER than English Royalty—there is a BLOODLINE
- House of Jesse from David to Jesus
- ✓ We receive ROYAL DNA ... if, if, if ... you BELIEVE
- ✓ Cannot be Born Again ... unless you BELIEVE
- ✓ Believe Born Again into a Royal Priesthood





We know NOT the hour or minute ...

We Were Redeemed

Know not the hour that Peter, Paul, the Twelve

Were Adopted – Born Again

All Things Were Become NEW

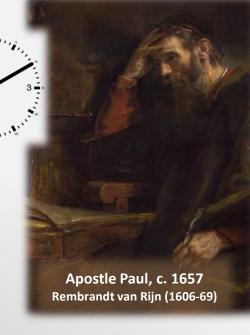
Acts of Apostles – Unique Work of Spirit

Kingdom of God CALLED OUT

Church Called to Mission

Zero Hour – Time Changed

Forever After





NOT know the hour Humanity Redeemed Yet, today we know the very SECOND



Look to the Cross

What is the New Creation? ... Being Born Again?

Unlike ALL the Old Testament ... in the NEW

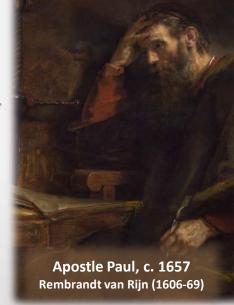
YOU & I—We—in our Heart & Soul are

Temples of the Holy Spirit

Access to the Throne of God in Christ

We are "IN Christ" before God







BELIEVERS are **Holy Priesthood Joint Heirs w Christ** 5:18-21 Reconciled – Ministry of Reconciliation ...

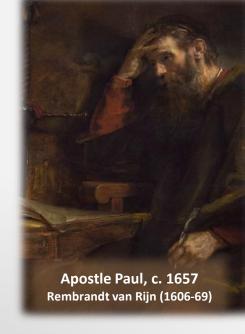
All this is from God, who reconciled US to HIMSELF through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

19 that God was reconciling the world to himself

in Christ

not counting people's sins against them.

And he has committed to us the Message of Reconciliation.





Your MISSION ... should you choose to accept it ...

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

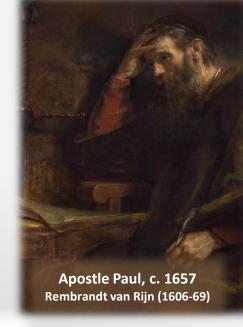
We implore you on Christ's behalf:

Be reconciled to God

²¹ God made him who had no sin

to be sin for us

so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.





6:1-2 Ready – Not in Vanity ... Now Is Day of Salvation

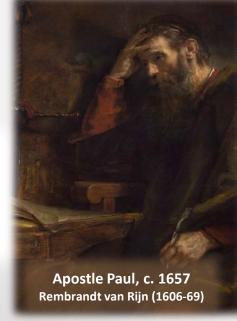
¹ As God's co-workers we urge you

NOT

to receive God's grace in vain.

² For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.





Now you know what means Now is the Day of SALVATION

All through the Old Testament – waited, waited

WHEN We Were Redeemed

We KNOW the New PARTED from the Old

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Zero Hour

Time Changed FOREVERMORE



Now is the Day of SALVATION

No More OT Waiting ... No More Uncertainty

Time Changed FOREVERMORE



Zero Hour EVERYDAY for ALL Unbelievers

Believe NOT - Hell Bound ...

Believe - Co-Heir w Christ that very Second

Believe – Born Again into Kingdom

Believe – New Creature, Christ in YOU



Now is the Day of SALVATION

Two Grand Illustrations Connected by the Cross

GREATEST Events in Mortal Life
Relate & Illustrate Unseen Eternal Treasure

BIRTH = Born Again = New Creation

MARRIAGE = Marriage Supper of Lamb

Believe - New Creature, Christ in YOU - New Life

Believe - New Future, New Kingdom Come





