

Hebrews 11:1 NLT

“Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.”

1. Faith Changes Our _____

2 Corinthians 5:14-20 NLT

“...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. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 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. So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”

- A. Our Perspective of _____

2 Corinthians 5:15 NLT

“Since we *believe* that Christ died for all, we also *believe* that we have all died to our old life. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.”

- B. Our Perspective of _____

2 Corinthians 5:16 NLT

“So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!”

Definition of “Evaluate”

- to determine the significance, _____, or condition of usually by careful appraisal and study

Coffman's Commentary on the Bible

- The new manner of life for Christians follows the principle laid down here. "They no longer _____ men by human standards of race, natural gifts, social standing, or possessions." No sooner had Paul written this than he remembered how, before his conversion, he had measured the Christ himself by those very standards. This he at once confessed and repudiated.

Believers in Christ are to no longer measure the worth of other people by human standards of race, talents, where they are on the social ladder, or by the things they own / don't own.

1st Choice Pregnancy Resource Center Statistics:

- Only 1.5% of abortions are due to rape/incest.
- 98% of abortions are due to _____.

True faith in God leads us to deep _____ because that is the nature of Jesus.

Matthew 9:35-38 NLT

"Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, *he had compassion on them* because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

C. Our Perspective of Our _____

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 NLT

"And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And *God has given us this task of reconciling people to him*. 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. So *we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us*. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

This passage is very clear.

When we come to faith in Jesus, He changes our perspective on our purpose and we follow His lead... which leads to ultimate fulfillment!