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# God's People Receive a New Identity

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The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

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Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:27**



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**“The Christian community transcends any other ‘boundary’ drawn from this world that we might like to draw. We all now have our fundamental identity determined by Christ and the people of Christ to whom we belong.”**



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# God's People Embody a New Message

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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.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:16**



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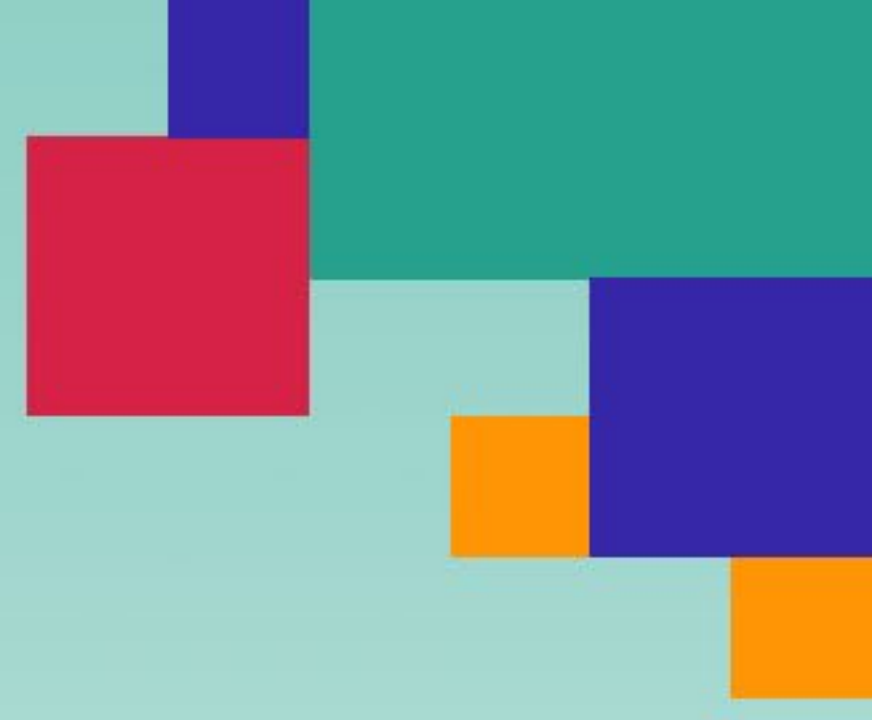



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:18**





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that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:19**

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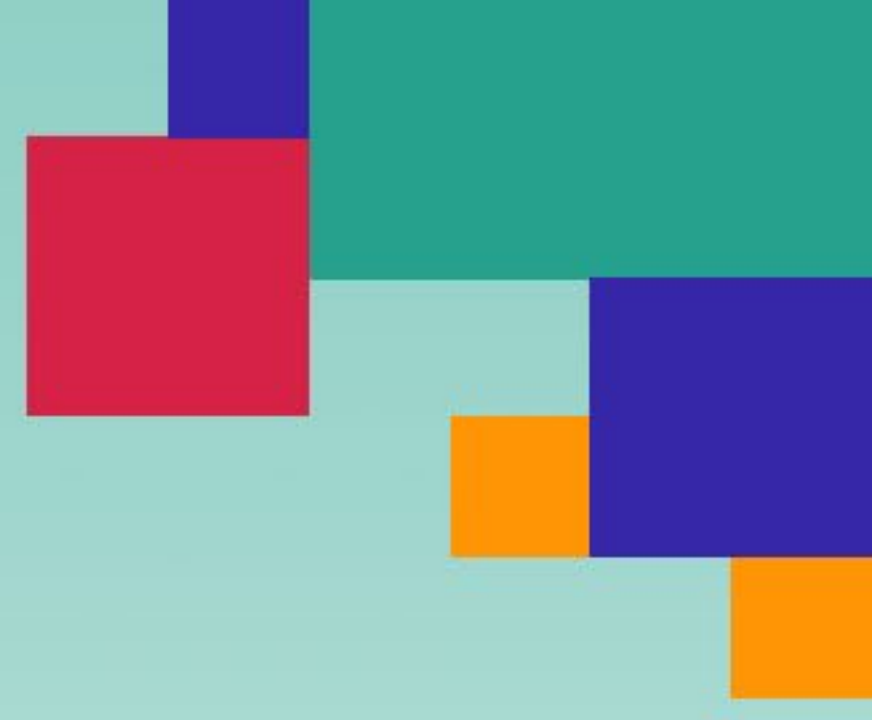



**We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,  
as though God were making His appeal  
through us. We implore you on Christ's  
behalf: Be reconciled to God.**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:20**



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God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**



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# God's People Display a New Lifestyle

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**Rows are safe. Circles are not. But we each need circles to help us grow.**

**What circle has your involvement and commitment?**



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Love is the crown jewel of the Christian  
graces, and it fuels them all.

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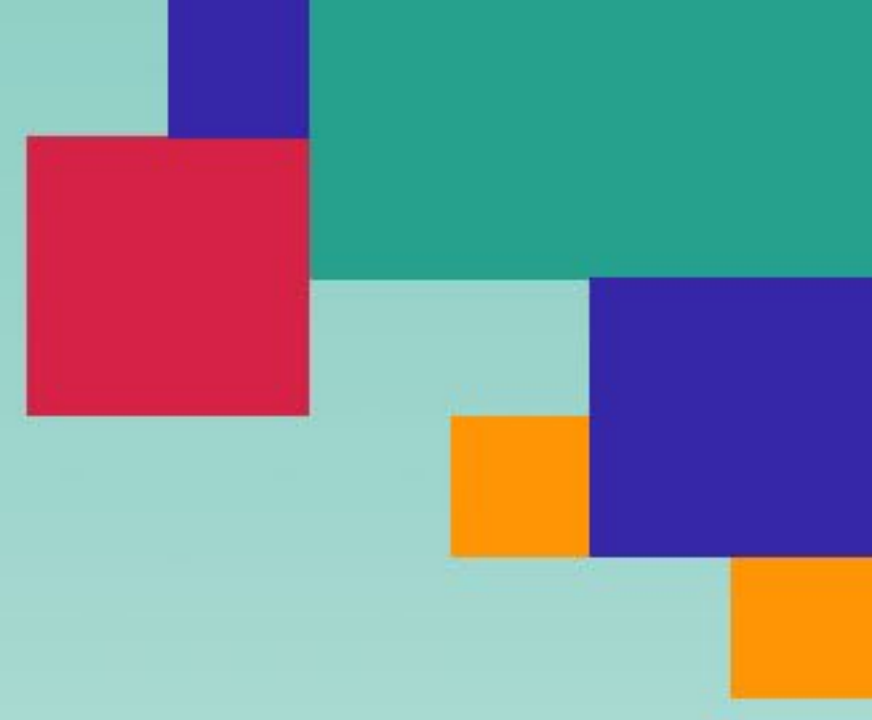

You don't really learn to love others until you risk being disappointed by them.

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If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

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then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:2**



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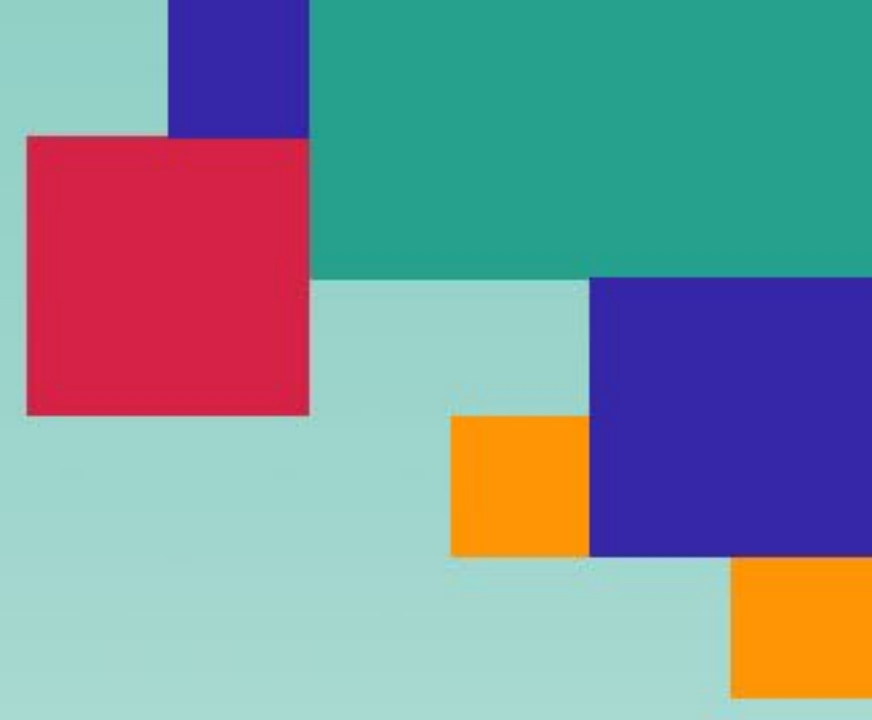
Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:3**



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Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:4**



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**For followers of  
Jesus, what's next is  
determined by who —  
and whose — we are.**

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