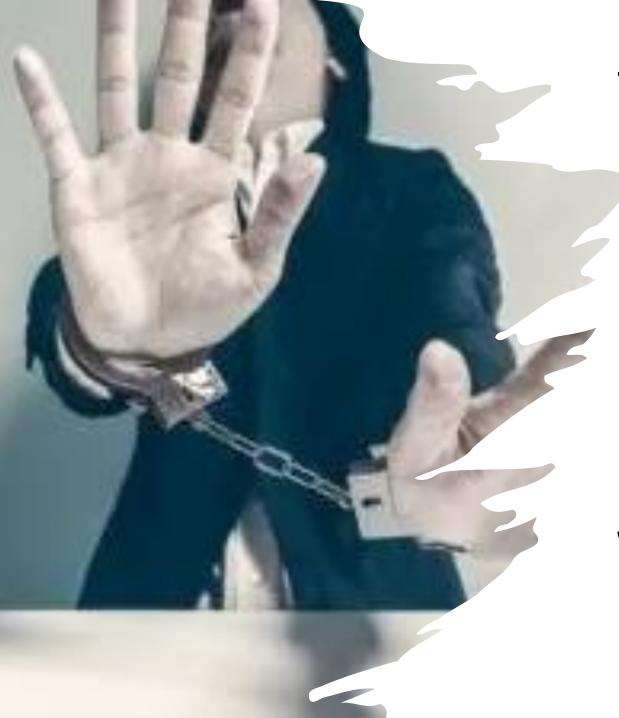








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1 Cor 1:18-19

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

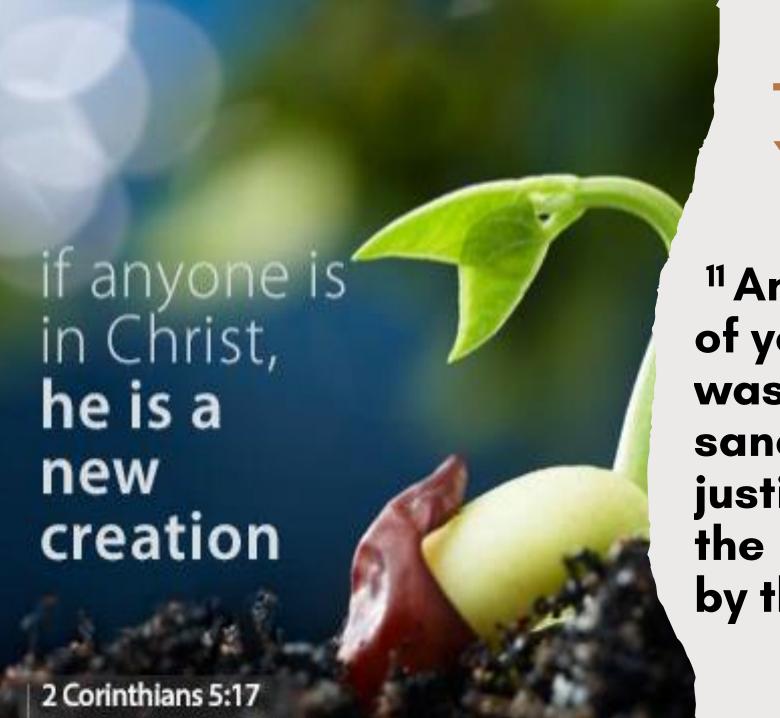


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#### Winning is Losing...

<sup>8</sup> Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters.



This Is Not Who You Are Anymore...

<sup>11</sup> And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.





#### God Created Covenant People...

Passover Lamb.

Rescued from slavery.

Gathered at Mt Sinai.

Given new laws.

Theocratic Kingdom.



## God's Covenant People

- New life.
- New identity.
- New Master.
- New Ways.





## Being God's Covenant People

- Learn to talk it out.
- Forgive them.

'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. (Mat 18:32-35)



- Learn to talk it out.
- Forgive them.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." (Mat 18:32-35)



# Being God's Covenant People Forgive them.

- Learn to talk it out.
- Forget about being right!

John 13:35 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

# What Would Paul Say To Us Today?

- 1. Hear the Gospel Jesus preached.
  - Kingdom of God is about covenant relationship.
  - Salvation through Jesus is the way into the kingdom.

## What Would Paul Say To Us Today?

1. Hear the Gospel Jesus preached.

2. Live out your new identity.

New King/Master = New Ways