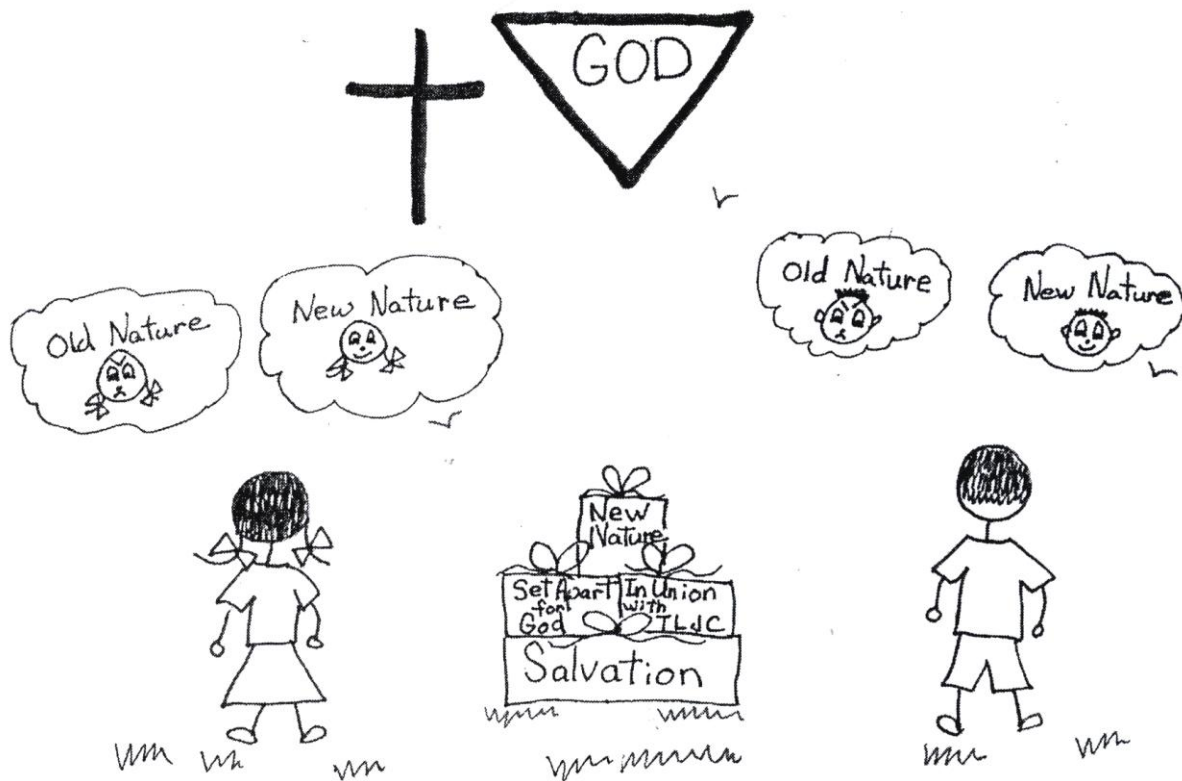


**Know No Man By The Flesh**  
or  
**How to Handle Ourselves and Others**

Before we can handle other people, we have to know how to handle ourselves! We are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Therefore, we have to love ourselves, not put ourselves down or live in our old sin natures. We aren't kind to ourselves or others when we act in our old sin natures! However, at salvation we became new creatures in Christ!\* So, it is time to see ourselves in our new nature and to treat ourselves and others from the thinking in our new nature.

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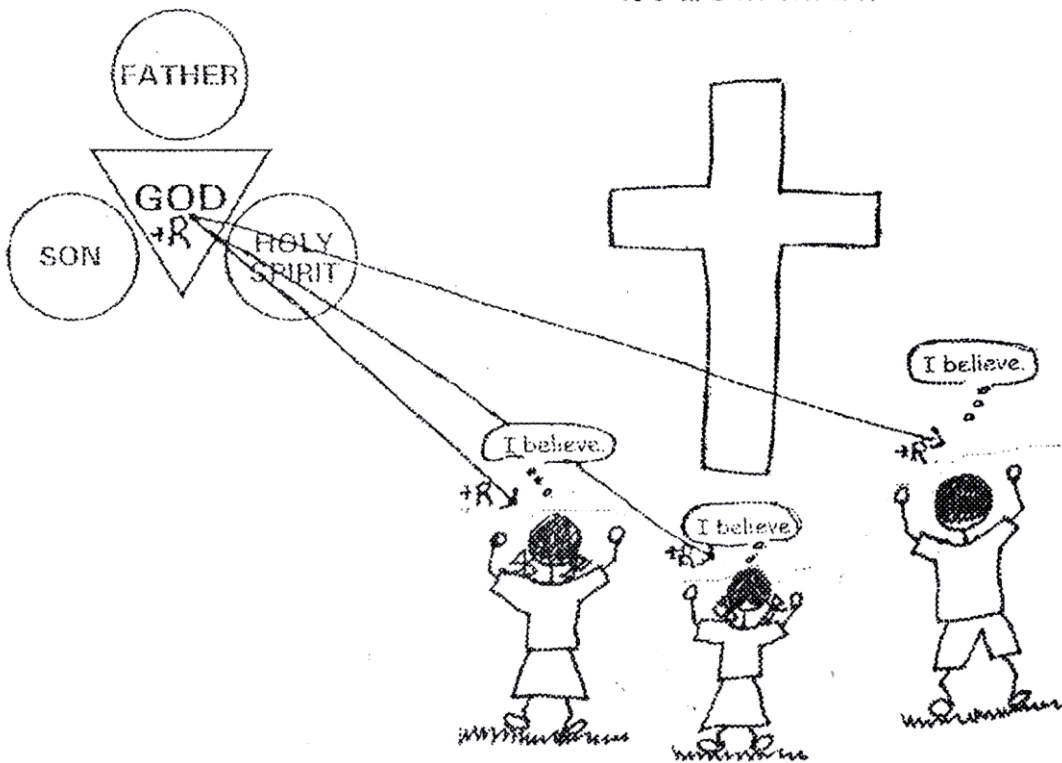


2 Corinthians 5:16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the [our] flesh [human nature without God]....

God wants us to learn who we are as believers; He wants us to see ourselves according to divine viewpoint. He wants us to understand that He is completely satisfied with us in our new natures. Because Jesus Christ paid the price for all of our sins on the cross, God the Father has been propitiated or satisfied.\* Sin is no longer an issue. \*\* The issue is what we think of Jesus Christ. The more we learn about Jesus, the more of His thinking we will have, and the more we will know how God wants us to handle ourselves according to His thinking, divine viewpoint.

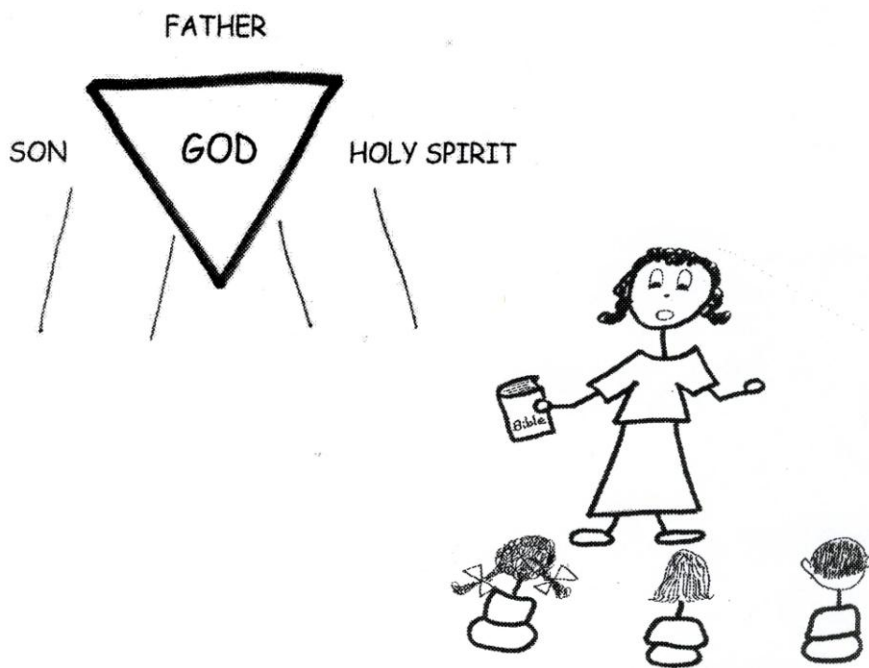
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We are in Christ!



2 Corinthians 5:17  
Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new [spiritual] creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.  
Ephesians 1:7 In Him [Jesus Christ] we have redemption through His blood [spiritual death on the cross], the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace....

At one time, we were completely ignorant of who Jesus Christ is. We once knew Christ from our old sin nature thinking, the fleshly standards. We were ignorant about His finished work on the cross. Then, through the power of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine, we started to learn the mind of Christ. As we change from human viewpoint to divine viewpoint, we learn who Jesus Christ is. We have the privilege and opportunity to learn about God and lift the veil from our thinking. Isn't that amazing? If we stay with divine thinking, the veil will be lifted from our eyes and we'll be able to see clearly how God wants us to think. Great thoughts!

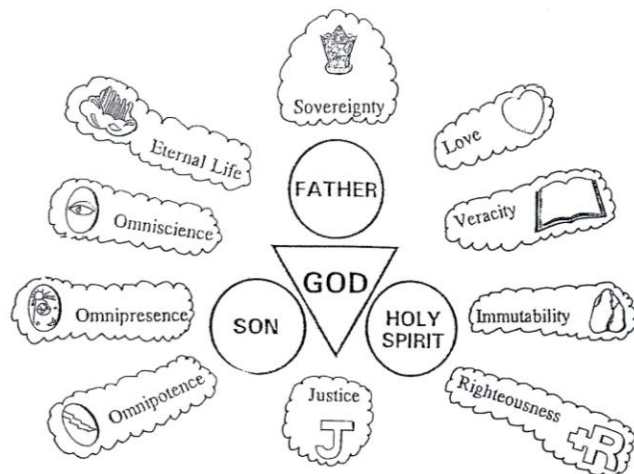


2 Corinthians 5:16b Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh [our human thinking], yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 But whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

When we learn, believe, and use Bible doctrine, we learn how to treat ourselves with grace like God does. At salvation, God gave us His righteousness or goodness.\* And that is what God sees; that is what He wants us to see! We are to focus on God's goodness, not our wickedness. When we see the love of Christ, we can't help but love Him back. All of this will result in knowing ourselves according to God's nature and divine viewpoint - not according to our old sin nature and human viewpoint.

\*Go to [allaboardgodstrain.org](http://allaboardgodstrain.org) and read *Our God Is An Awesome God*.

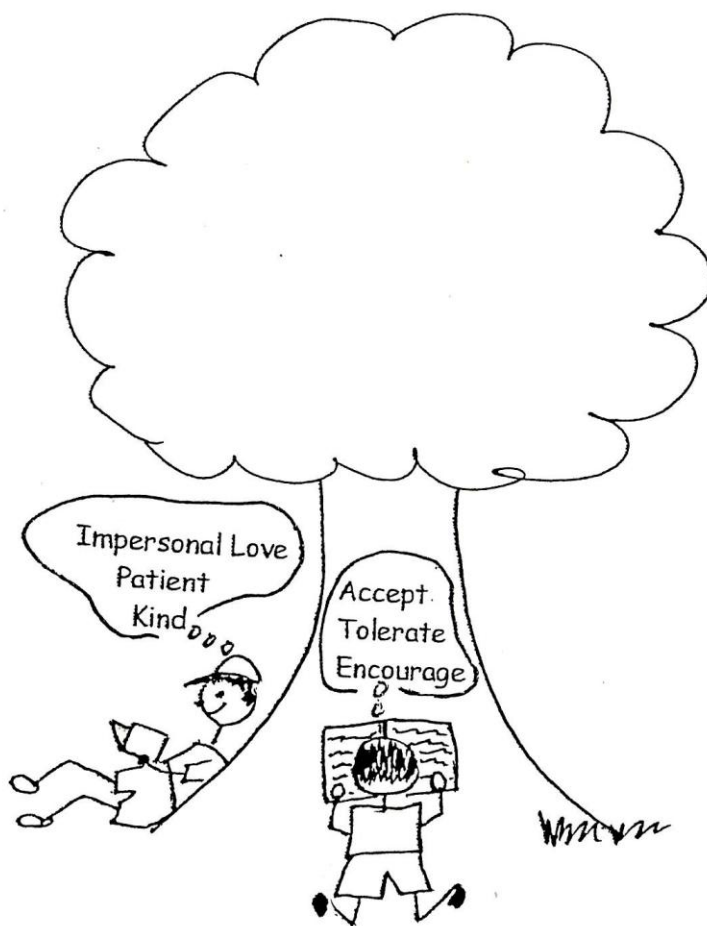


Our God is an awesome God!

Colossians 2:13 He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.



If we know no man after our flesh, or our human viewpoint, we are going to love and develop relationships with people on a grace basis. We'll be kind. We'll be compassionate. We'll recognize how much God has forgiven us, and then we'll forgive others! We'll know that **no** person is perfect except the Lord Jesus Christ. We won't demand perfection of ourselves, or of others. Thinking with the new nature, God's thinking, we can have virtue love which is personal love for God and impersonal love for all mankind.



1 John 4:19 We love [God, self, and others], because He first loved us.

If we know others according to our flesh, or our human viewpoint, we act in a wicked way. Sometimes we don't even know how wicked we are! We want God to forgive us. Yet, many times we don't forgive others because we are acting in our old nature! We are ugly! Treating our enemies according to human viewpoint brings out the worst in us! We compete and compare because we are self-centered. We judge each other according to our personal opinions. We focus on ourselves instead of on the Lord Jesus Christ. This all causes discomfort, fears, and worries. It separates friends and family members. We are playing Satan's deception game! It's a terrible game with no winners!



Isaiah 11:3 Those who fear or respect the Lord, will not judge by what their eyes see, nor make a decision by what their ears hear....

Psalm 19:12 Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sin. Let them not rule over me ....

On the other hand, when we love others in our new nature, even our enemies, it brings out the best in us. We work together. We have an attitude of forgiveness. Since we all have totally failed, we can see how much Christ has forgiven us. There is nothing left of our sins, or of others' sins, because of what Jesus Christ did for us at the cross. Through the filling of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine, we believers are being delivered from our flesh, our human viewpoint, or our old nature. Knowing no man after our flesh means we operate from our new nature, divine viewpoint, or God's thinking. If we truly learn and use the problem-solving devices\*, we will learn to think like this: 2 Corinthians 5:16-17, Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to our flesh [human viewpoint]; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new [spiritual] creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

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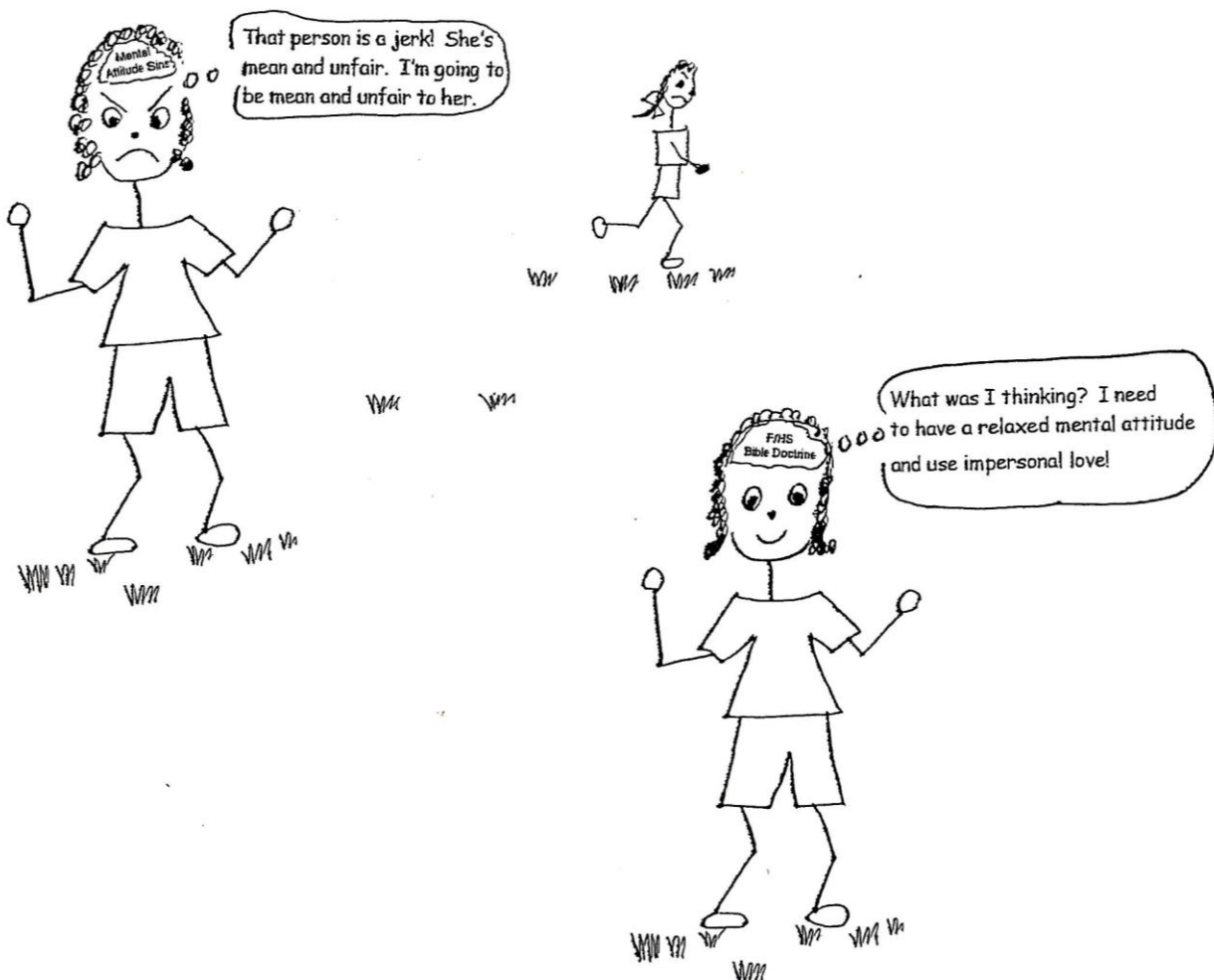
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Rebound, Filling of the Holy Spirit, Faith-Rest Drill, Grace Orientation, Doctrinal Orientation, Personal Sense of Destiny, Personal Love for God the Father, Impersonal Love for All Mankind, Sharing the Happiness of God, Occupation with Christ

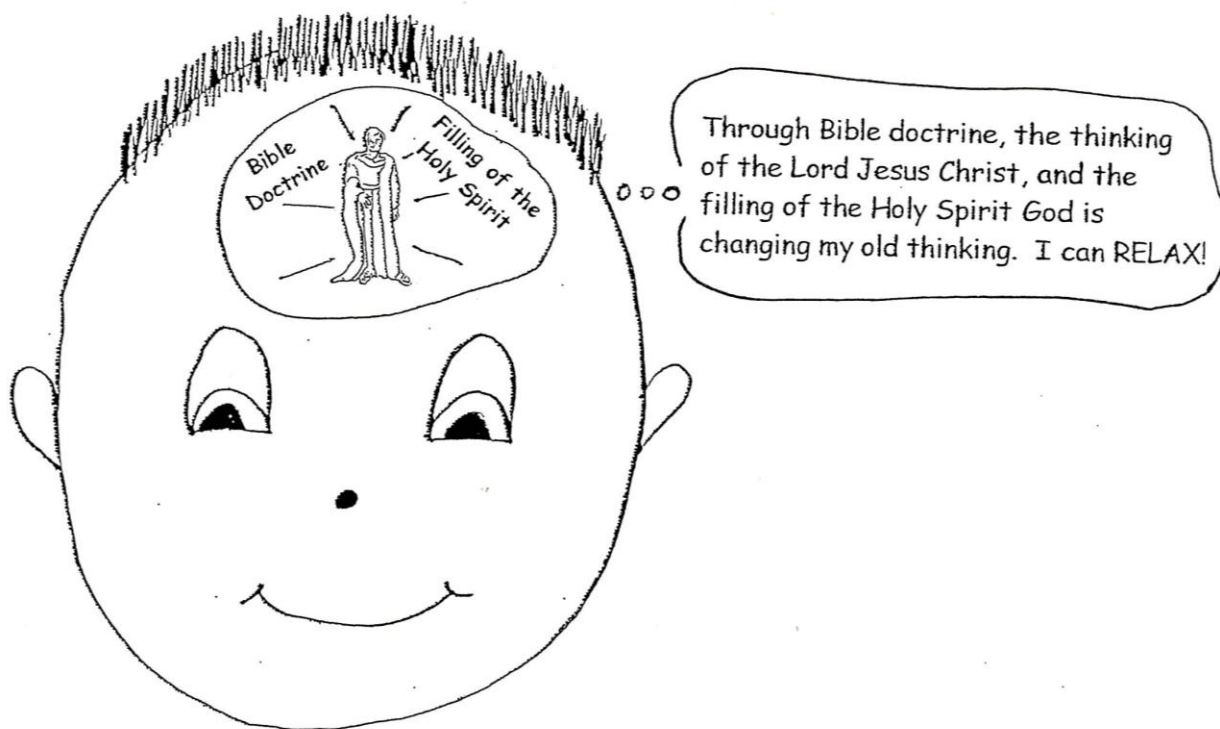


We can handle ourselves and others by using God's thinking. If we take our minds off ourselves in our old sin natures, we can then take our minds off others in their old sin natures. People won't upset us because we are not thinking with our human viewpoint! We are thinking with divine viewpoint! Ahhh!!! Our capacity for love increases. Our tolerance and understanding of others and ourselves grow. We live in our brand new natures, no longer looking at people the way we did! When we think with the mind of Christ, with divine viewpoint, and not human viewpoint, we recognize:

Psalm 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Now, isn't that comforting?



God knows us with His thinking, divine viewpoint. He wants us to know Him and have His thinking in our souls. He wants us to treat ourselves and others with divine thinking. God wants us to know Isaiah 44:22, "I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you." He also wants us to know Ephesians 1:7, "In Him [Jesus Christ] we have redemption through His blood [spiritual death], the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace...." We are to know no man by our flesh, or our human viewpoint, but we are to know them and treat them with divine viewpoint! What's your viewpoint?



## Points To Remember

1. Before we can handle other people, we have to know how to handle ourselves.
2. We are to see ourselves in our new nature and to treat ourselves and others from the thinking of our new nature.
3. God wants us to learn who we are as believers; He wants us to see ourselves according to divine viewpoint.
4. At one time, we were completely ignorant of who Jesus Christ is.
5. When we learn, believe, and use Bible doctrine, we learn how to treat ourselves with grace like God does.
6. If we know no man after our flesh, or our human viewpoint, we are going to love and develop relationships with people on a grace basis.
7. If we know others according to our flesh, or our human viewpoint, we act in a wicked way.
8. On the other hand, loving our enemies in our new nature brings out the best in us.
9. We can handle ourselves and others by using God's thinking.
10. God knows us with His thinking, divine viewpoint.

## Questions For Discussion

1. What does it mean "to love our neighbors as we love ourselves"?
2. What does it mean to be a new creature in Christ?
3. How does God want us to see ourselves?
4. Are we to focus on our sins?
5. On whom are we to focus?
6. How are we to treat ourselves? How are we to treat others?
7. What happens when we don't treat others according to our human viewpoint, or our flesh?
8. What happens when we do treat others according to our human viewpoint, or our flesh?
9. What are some of the results when we use divine viewpoint?
10. What is your viewpoint?



# Know No Man According To Your Flesh or Human Viewpoint.

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