

NEW *Beginnings*



2 Corinthians 5:16-21

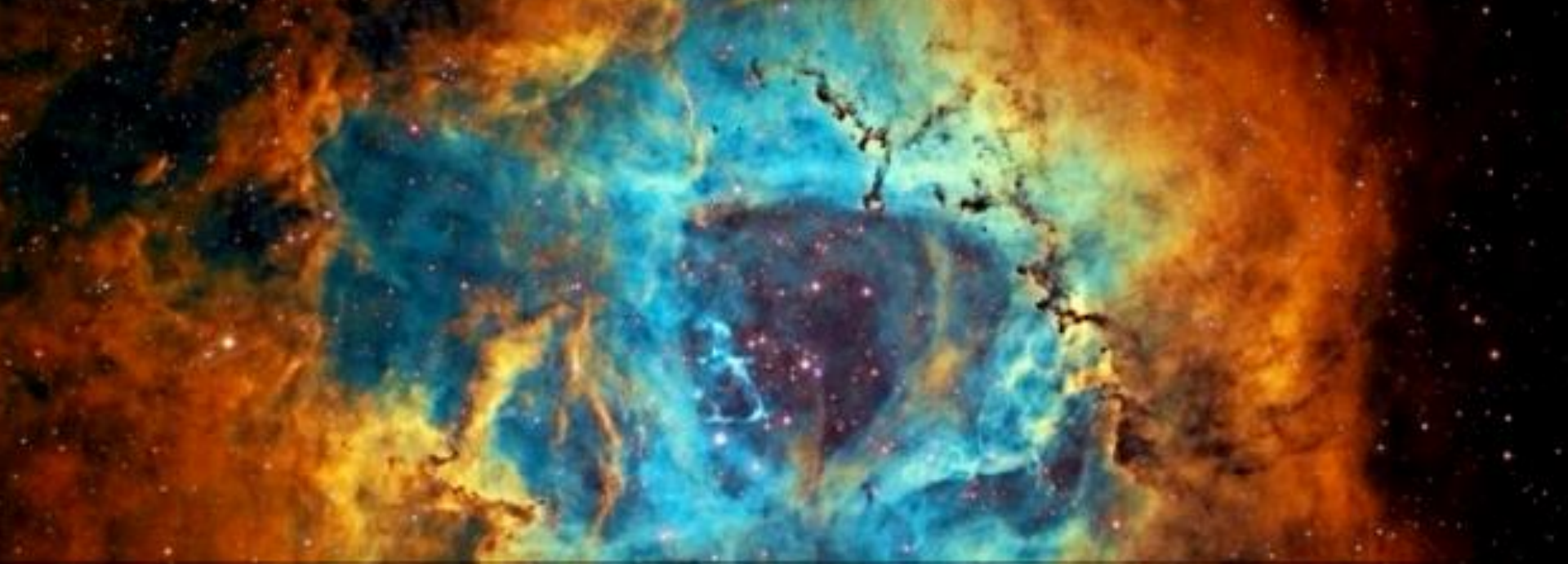
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IN THE BEGINNING

God created the heavens and
the earth... (Genesis 1:1)



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was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word
was God... (John 1:1)



IN THE BEGINNING


God is the creator,
Jesus the redeemer,
and we are the new creation.

Corinthians 5:16-21:

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become

new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since

God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



**We no longer see others from
a human point of view**

We can't always trust our eyes



**Appearances can
be deceiving**





GOD LOOKS AT
THE HEART

The Lord does not look at the things
people look at. People look at the outward
appearance, but the Lord looks at the
heart.

1 Samuel 16:7



ITS NOT
THE HEALTHY
WHO NEED A DOCTOR
BUT THE
SICK

MARK 2:17

In Review

1. God created the world and everything in it and said it was good.
2. When that creation went bad, God sought to be reconciled with his rebellious children.
3. In Jesus, that reconciliation was finally made possible. In Jesus, we are brought back into in an intimate, loving relationship with God.

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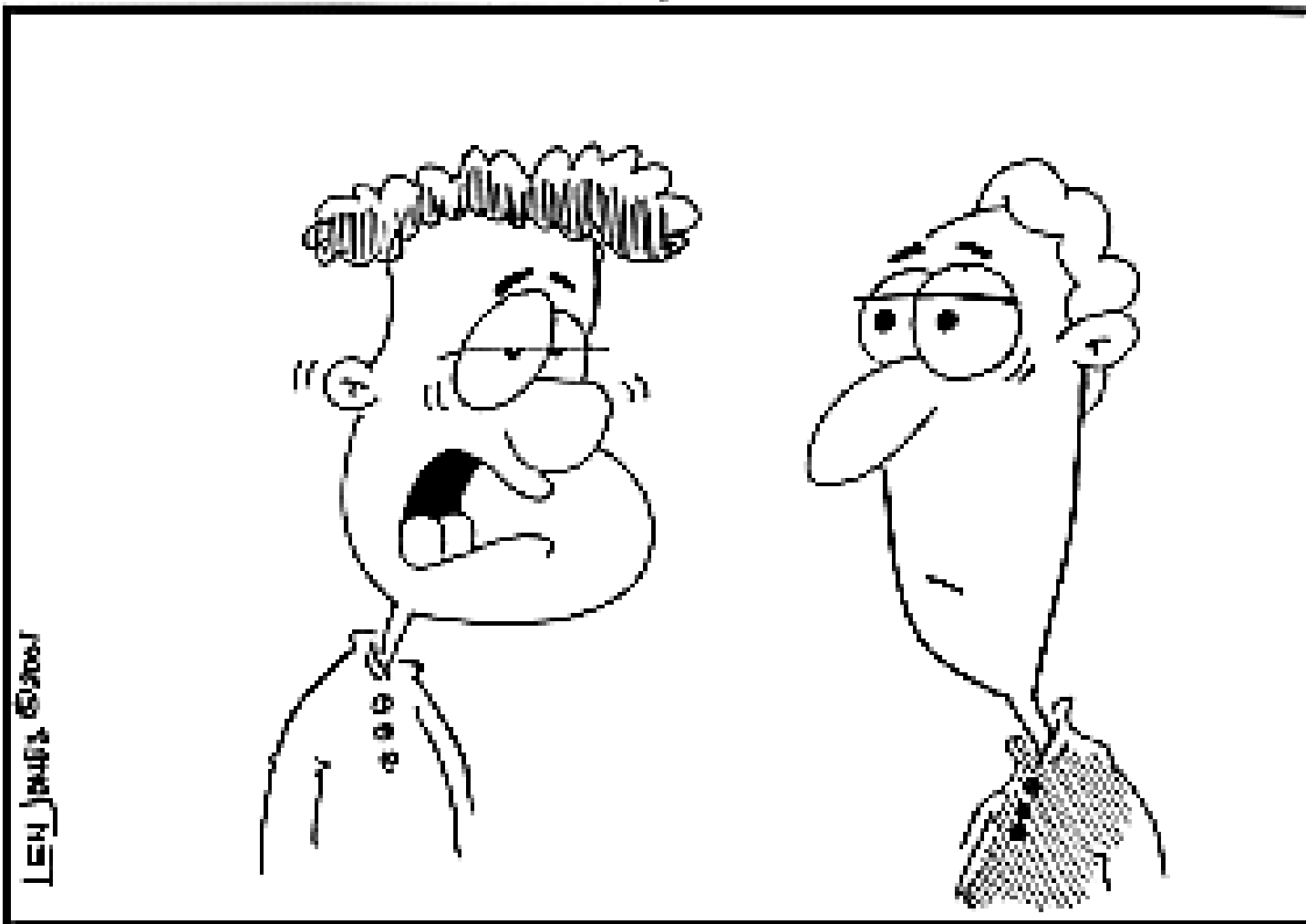
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Ambassadors for

Christ



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"I was just fine with the concept of sharing my faith until Pastor said we actually had to talk to people."

Eph 6:19-20, Pray Also For Me

- Eph 6:19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,
- Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.





Ambassadors for Christ

(Job description)

1. The ministry of reconciliation

Invite, invite, invite!

2. Encourage and support one another

“Brother or sister, the grass grows on your path yonder.”



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