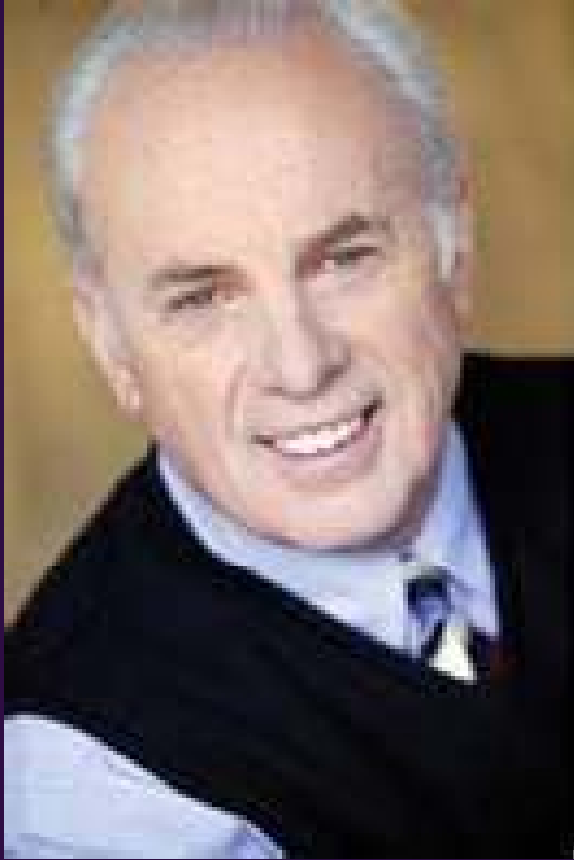


# New Creature Status

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

Justification by means of faith in Christ produces many changes for the believer.

Does the “new creature” status guarantee experiential sanctification?



“(T)his is the purpose of salvation: to transform an individual completely. Genuine saving faith changes a person’s behavior, it transforms his thinking, and it puts within him a new heart.” – The Gospel According to Jesus, pg. 96.

John MacArthur

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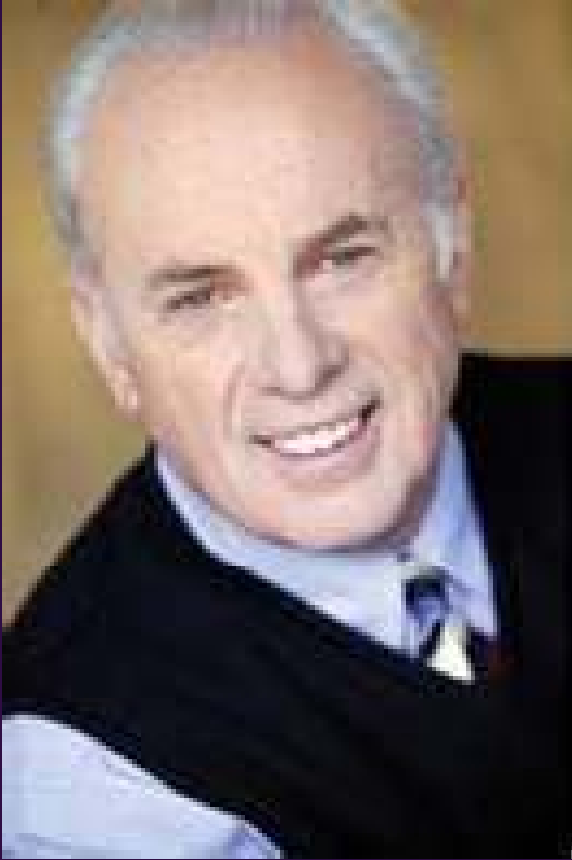
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# 2 Corinthians 5 Flyover

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“If the pattern or your life is not toward godliness and obedience, you are not a believer.”

John MacArthur



Ron Merryman

“I would suggest that theologians would do a much better job were they to read their Bibles more diligently in the original languages and at some point get involved in the pastorate. They would soon discover that true believers do sin. And despite their sin, they definitely do not lose their salvation.” – The Passion War, pg. 4.

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Why the need for motivation?



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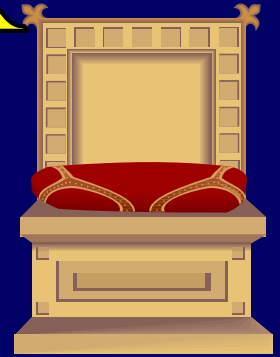
Understanding our position in Christ



# Positional Truth

Romans 6:11

*Col. 3:1-4*



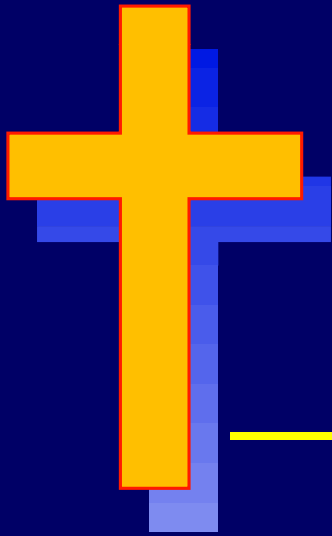
*Col. 2:9-12*

*Rom. 6:4*

**Session**

*Rom. 6:5*

**Ascension**



**Death**

**Burial**

**Resurrection**

*Rom. 6:6*

# 2 Corinthians 5 Flyover

Types of motivation for the spiritual life:

Understanding our position in Christ

Modeling motivation

Reward and punishment

Paul links two of the motivating factors together in chapter 5 – vs. 10 and 17.

# 2 Corinthians 5 Flyover

Vs. 1-5 – New body pledge.

Vs. 6-8 – Faith Focus.

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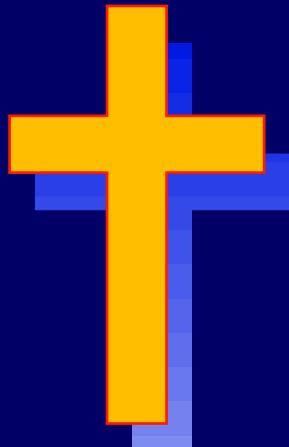
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# Phases of Salvation

Phase #1  
Positional  
Sanctification  
*Titus 3:5*  
*Acts 16:31*

Phase #2  
Experiential  
Sanctification  
*Philippians 2:12*  
*James 1:21*

Phase #3  
Ultimate  
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*Hebrews 9:28*  
*Romans 13:11*



*“The Righteous shall  
live by faith” – Habakkuk 2:4*

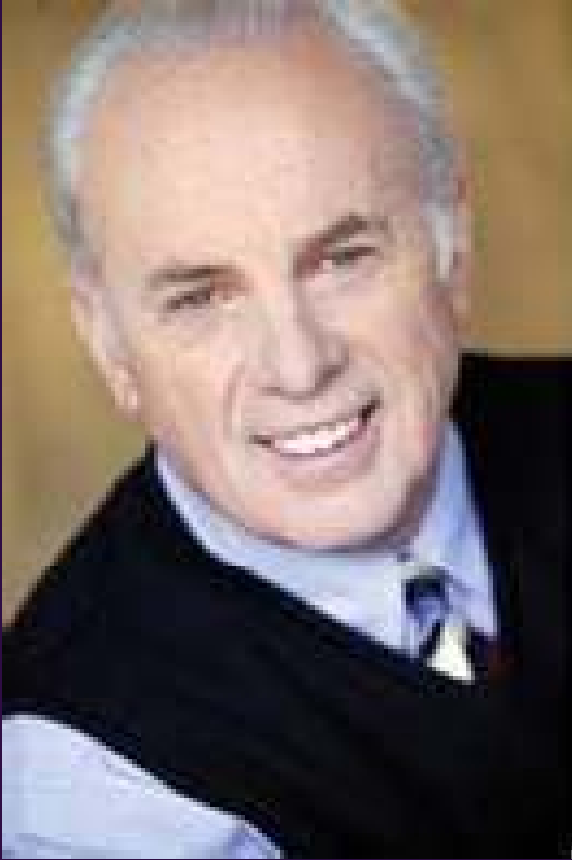


**Believer in Time**



J.V. Fesko

“That justification is foundational for sanctification, however, in no way suggests that we can separate the two from one another, that a person can be justified, but not sanctified, or vice versa.” — “Sanctification and union with Christ: a reformed perspective,” *The Evangelical Quarterly*, 80.3, 2010



“Justification and Sanctification are inseparable theological realities.”

John MacArthur



William Combs

“Sanctification is not automatic in the life of the believer, but it is inevitable since ‘although the remaining corruption for a time may greatly prevail, yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part overcomes.’” – Detroit Baptist Seminary Journal (Fall 2001)





John Calvin

“Man is not justified by faith alone, that is, by a bare and empty knowledge of God; he is justified by works, that is, his righteousness is known and proved by its fruits.” – Commentary on the Epistle of James (2:20), 38.



“The doctrine of definitive sanctification helps us to see that those who are in Christ have made a decisive and irreversible break with sin.”

– Five Views on Sanctification, pg. 74

Anthony  
Hoekema



Michael  
Horton

“While we are called to be ‘filled with the Spirit’ (Eph. 5:18), that is merely a figure of speech: ‘Do not get drunk on wine...Instead be filled with the Spirit.’ In other words, make sure you’re under the right influence! Every believer is Spirit-filled and, therefore, a recipient of every heavenly blessing in Christ (Eph. 1:3-4).” – pg. 113



D.A. Carson

Faith without deeds (or works) is like a corpse, a body without the spirit or breath. Such a thing is dead, useless, fit only to be buried. Such a faith will not save a person. True saving faith is that which results in works or deeds of obedience to God.” –New Bible Commentary, James 2:26.



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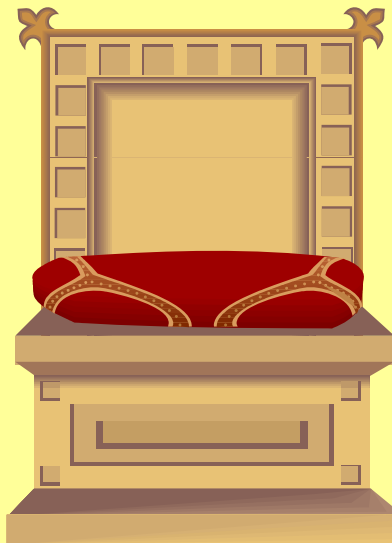
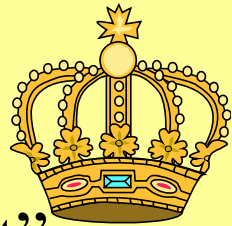
Vs. 6-8 – Faith Focus.

Vs. 9-13 – Motivating Factor.

# The Evaluation Throne of Christ

*1 John 2:28*

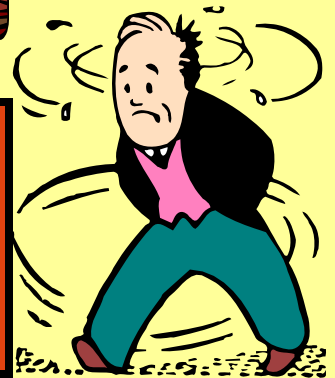
“Well done  
Good and  
faithful servant”



“You wicked  
and lazy  
servant”



*2 Cor. 5:10*



*1 Corinthians 3:11-15*

# 2 Corinthians 5 Flyover

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Vs. 1-5 – New body pledge.

Vs. 6-8 – Faith Focus.

Vs. 9-13 – Motivating Factor.

Vs. 14-15 – Christ's Love.

Vs. 16-17 – Responsibility to live the new life.

Vs. 18-21 – Reconciliation.



# 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

During our time left on earth we need a spiritual divine viewpoint perspective.

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# 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

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The exchanging of new things for old things is a change of position from our old position in Adam to our new position in Christ.

As believers, we must choose to walk by the Spirit resulting in the day-by-day renewing of the inner man we now have in Christ.

# Why the Problem?

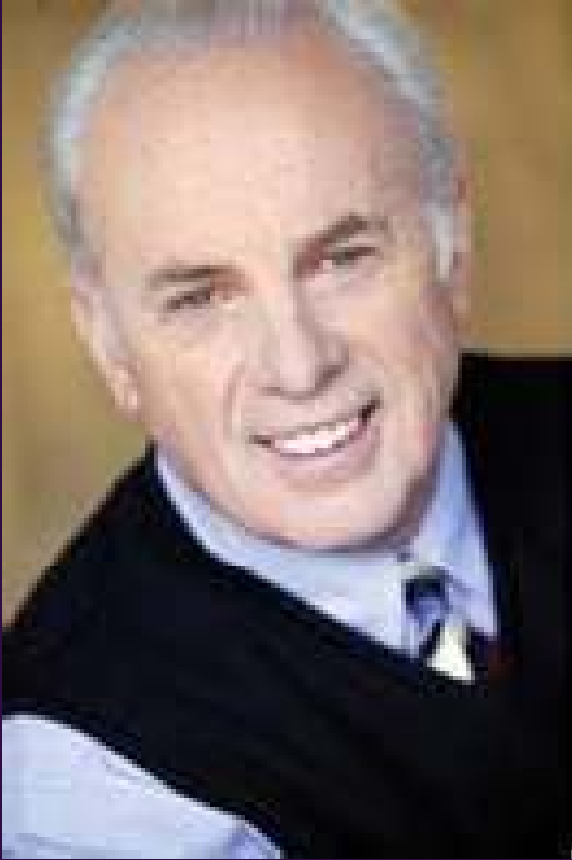
Originally the development of Reformed Theology was to confront the wrong teachings of the Catholic Church.

The Romanists attacked the Reformed position regarding the lack of accountability for the individual Christian.



“it is, therefore, faith that justifies, yet the faith that justifies is not alone.”

John Calvin



“The Bible does not provide any place for a person to be saved and have no change in their life. It can’t.”

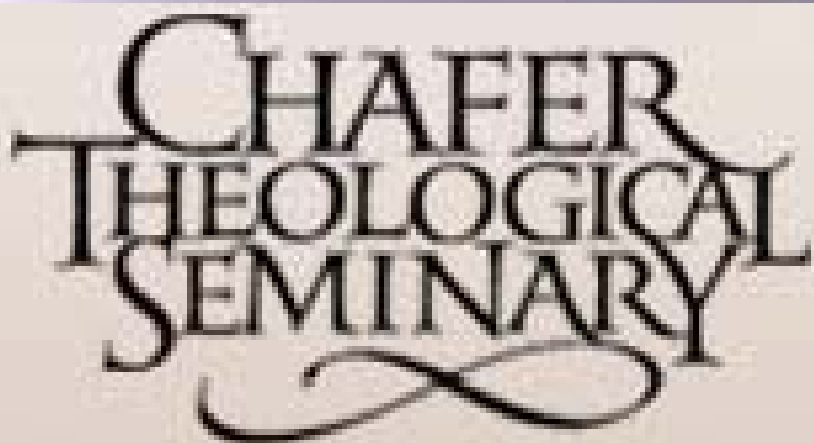
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“Because of the virtue of Christ’s death and resurrection and by his word and spirit dwelling in them, the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed.” – DBSJ (Fall 2001)

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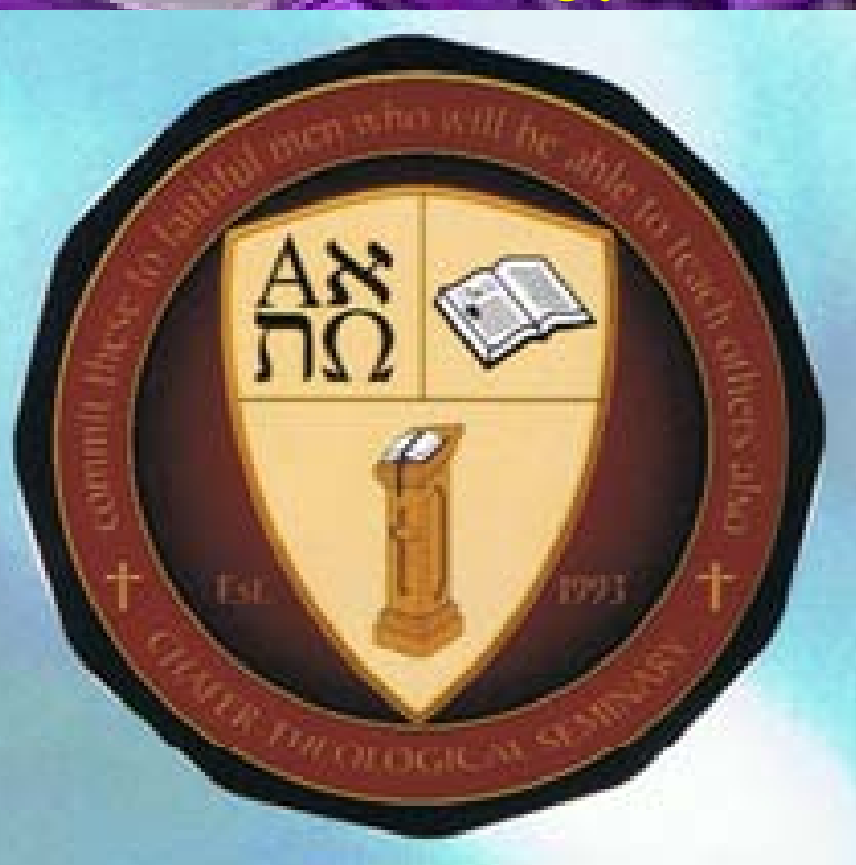


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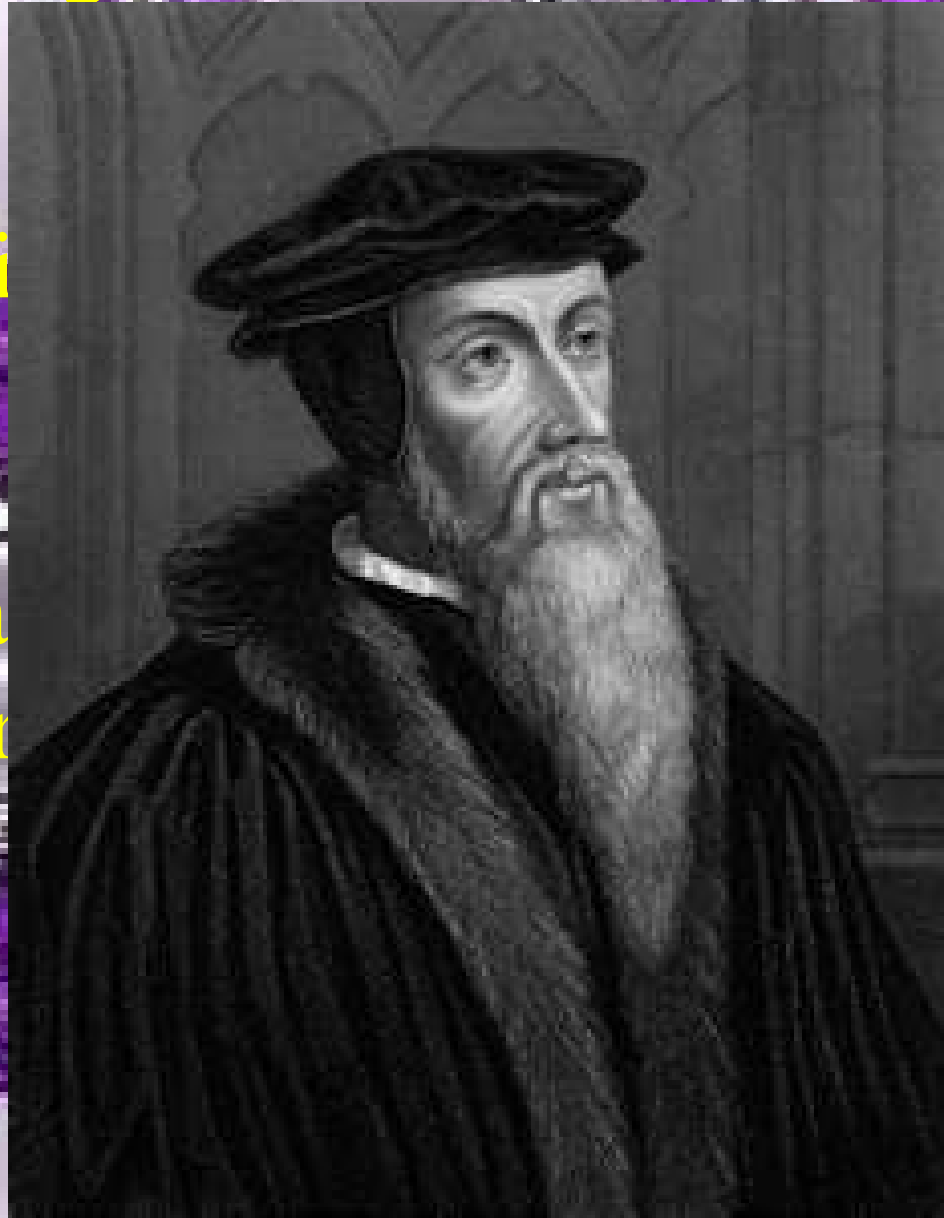


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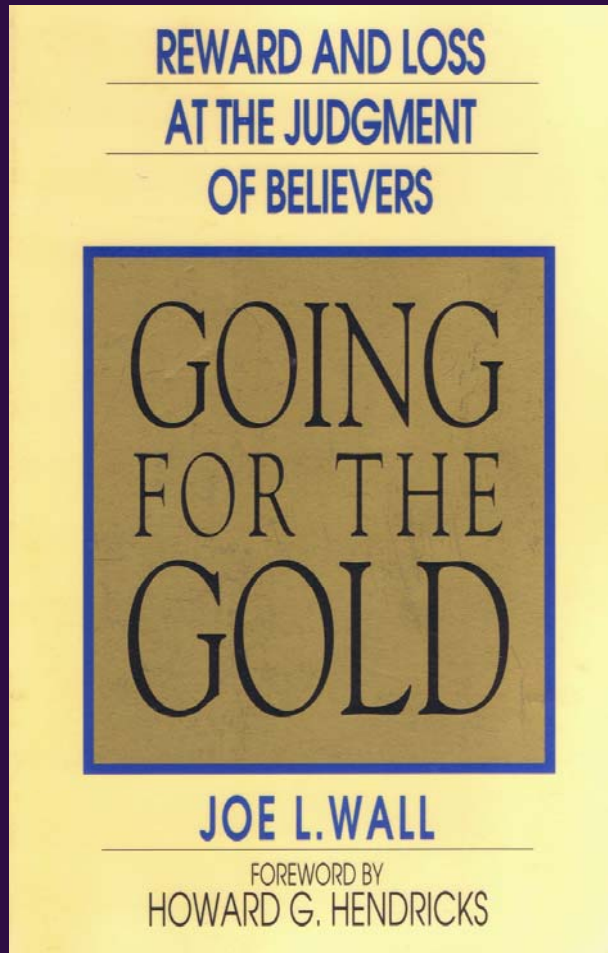


# Why Does it Matter?



The confusion on sanctification serves as an example of failing to vigilantly guard against the philosophical world system – *Colossians* 2:8.

The distortion of justification does damage to the Gospel message as well as the spiritual walk.



“Some who started well in their Christian life but gave up when the going got tough will discover that they have lost the inheritance of their birthright blessings (Hebrews 12:1-7). Others will discover that they have forfeited incorruptible crowns through their unwillingness to serve the Lord or because of some brief moments of selfish indulgence.”  
– pg. 116.

# What Must We Do?

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We must assure our fellow saints of the certainty of their salvation if they have believed in Christ as their Savior.

We must encourage them in their spiritual battles by using the spiritual life motivations of Scripture.

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We must not fall into Reformed Theology's trap of attempting to manipulate believers' obedience through guilt or insecurity about eternal salvation.

We must eradicate our presuppositions and accurately exegete and teach the whole counsel of God.

# New Creature Status



“Therefore if anyone is in Christ,  
*he is a new creature*; the old things  
passed away; behold, new things  
have come.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17