

LETTERS OF SAINT PAUL

SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

The faith criterion

5 ¹¹So we know the fear of the Lord and we try to convince people while we live openly before God. And I trust that you know in your conscience what we truly are. ¹²Once more, we do not try to win your esteem; we want to give you a reason to feel proud of us, that you may respond to those who heed appearances and not the reality. ¹³Now, if I have spoken foolishly, let God alone hear; if what I have said makes sense, take it for yourselves.

¹⁴Indeed the love of Christ holds us and we realize that if he died for all, all have died. ¹⁵He died for all so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and rose again for them. ¹⁶And so from now on, we do not regard anyone from a human point of view; and even if we once knew Christ personally, we should now regard him in another way.

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