

A wooden cross stands on a rocky shore. In the foreground, an open Bible lies flat on the rocks. The background features a body of water and distant, hazy mountains under a soft, warm light, possibly from a low sun.

# A Home in Heaven and Job on Earth

2 Corinthians 5:17-20



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-2 Corinthians 5:17-20

“And for the ‘light’ we can put to use all that which, despite everything, again and again gives us hope, which strengthens us, which gives us joy in life and courage: community in many forms, in the family, in groups and associations, the experience of being welcome and accepted, the commitment of so many for a better world, and above all it is the people to whom we are connected in love.”

- Steinmeier, President of Germany, 25th Dec. 2025



## 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

- **Main idea:** Main Idea: In Christ we have a new identity, a new home, a new mission:
  - vs. 17: Identity
  - vs 18-19a: Home and belonging
  - vs 19b-20: Purpose

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## **Reconciliation:**

the process of making two people or groups of people friendly again after they have argued seriously or fought and kept apart from each other, or a situation in which this happens

- Cambridge Dictionary



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