

THE PROTOTYPE

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2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (14) *For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; (15) and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. (16) Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. (17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

The Apostle Paul details what happened to Abraham at his calling and then describes what must happen to us. Abraham's mind - and consequently his life - was so captured and redirected by God's revelation of Himself that he responded dramatically, despite the awareness that he could no longer live as he had for 70 years. Changes had to be made, some of them considerable and costly.

He could no longer live entirely for self. He no longer regarded people as he had all his life. He particularly could no longer view his new God and Savior as he once had. A different man was being created from within, so he had to make a clean and permanent split from his old life. Now his life had a new Object, toward which he had to explore. His life had a new relationship, a new direction, new desires, and new obligations to fulfil.

We must remember that Abraham was a special case; he is the archetype who set a strong, overall pattern for all his spiritual children to follow to some degree. Occasionally the road was bumpy; he fell short of the ideal at times. Still, on the whole, he did nothing less than set an excellent example for all of us. May we strive to have Abraham's faith!

At His service,
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