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Dear Parishioners:

St. Paul reminds us that once we accept the gift of Christ into the depths our daily lives, we become new creations. We no longer view life from a rules and regulations perspective. Instead, we view life in Christ, period. We will discover daily how love in Christ sets the tone for our every decision which will include interpreting rules and regulations in the light of Christ's Love. This frees us from the frenzy of trying to be a good person. We will be loving (good) because we will be Christ to the world.

The new creation difference is that we will not be dwelling on rules and regulations, but rather, we will be dwelling on Christ. This newness in Christ results in the freedom of being children of God, not children of rules and regulations.

Jesus is one with us in depth of love that does not throw away rules and regulations. But they are tempered in the compassion of Christ because love is the fulfillment of all rules and regulations. Love in Christ is to accept that the depth of Christ in our daily lives makes us continually new creations.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Terry