The term “now” was commonly used for the sinner. It expressed the urgency of the hour. It contains the very essence of the Gospel.

- Come now (Isaiah 1:18)
- Now is the accepted time (2 Corinthians 6:2)

But “now” is also the very essence of all spiritual blessing to the Christian. Our passage says that salvation marks a change in behavior for us, “from now on, then…” “old things…new things” (v.16-17) Salvation brings a change in relationship with each other “now we do not know anyone in a purely human way” and with Christ, “now we no longer know Him like that” (v.16). It also brings a new source of power “now everything is from God” (v.18). Here are seven things that have come to us “now” that we are saved.

1. Justification: by His blood (Romans 5:9)
2. Assurance: now are we (1 John 3:2)
3. Deliverance: from the law (Romans 7:6)
4. Freedom: from condemnation (Romans 8:1)
5. Union to Christ: now made nigh (Ephesians 2:13)
6. Life of faith: I now live (Galatians 2:20)
7. Ambassadors: now then, we are…(2 Corinthians 5:20)

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing!