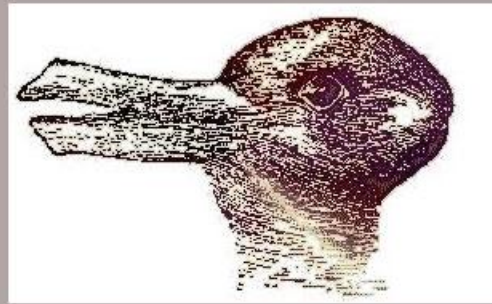


Vase or Faces?



Duck or Rabbit?



Woman's Face or Man with Saxophone?



Good or Evil?



People or Trees?



People or Trees?



Mark 8:23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

24 He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

25 Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.

People as Trees?



Recognizes the face,
not the person.
Observes with your eyes,
not your heart.
Sees a physical body but
overlooks spiritual depth.
Considers your priorities
but ignores God's mission.
Preoccupied with a
worldly point of view.

A Clear Vision

Sees Beyond the Physical Realm

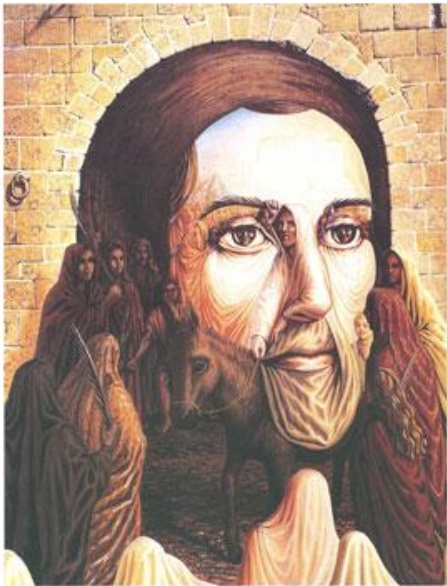
We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Cor. 4:18

Exists by Faith

We live by faith, not by sight. 5:7

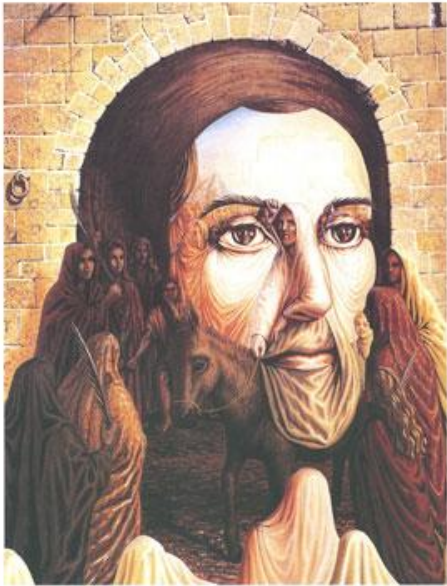
Rejects a Worldly Perspective

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. 5:16



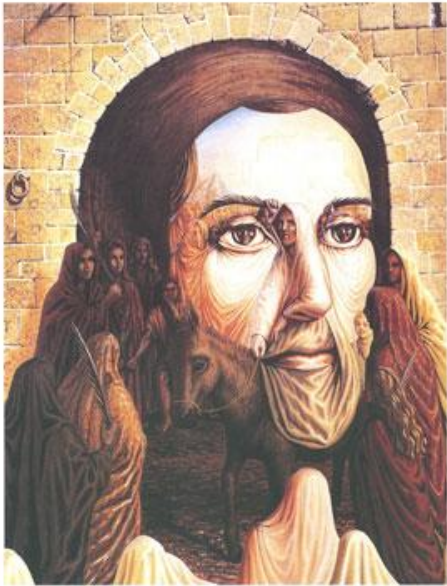
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- 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
- 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:
- 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.

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19 And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

A Clear Vision for Locust Grove



- Begins with a Biblical view of the world and people
- Prioritizes the ministry of reconciling people to God
- Believes the mission will involve our community and world
- Assumes that the unique mission God has for this congregation needs to be clarified continually



