

But Now (in fact)” (Nuvi De’)

The Interpreter’s Bible, Volume X, pg. 233 Nuvi de’ (but in fact) introduces some of Paul’s most important affirmations (13:13; Romans 3:21; 6:22; 7:6; Colossians 1:22 etc. It does not carry here a temporal significance but introduces the contrast to the hypothetical situation which has been discussed in the previous paragraph. The fact is otherwise; Christ has been raised. Paul wants to show the certainty of the resurrection of believers. This profound phrase “But Now (in fact),” in the Greek indicates that the time has come, and the time of waiting is over. The Old Covenant and The Law testified to the fact that a time was coming when the covenant would be fulfilled and Paul is saying that that time was now here, through the sacrifice of Christ. Some preachers say, “whenever you see ‘but’ it wipes out everything that was said before it.” Not only does it do that but it always introduces a new thought, “but” always functions as an adversative correlative “But” (de’) is found in the Bible 3,994 times and it is used:

- As a conjunction, Except or save; as, right but for one thing
- As an adverb, Only or merely: as He is but a boy
- As a pronoun. Not who; but that; as, No one but has his troubles.
- As a prep. With the exception of;as: No one replied but me. Except; save; as: she talked of nothing but her new home.
- As a noun. An objection, as; He must go; no ifs or buts about it
- As an exclamatory expression-“but I love you!”

The phrase “**But Now” (Nuvi de’)**, translated “but in fact now,” is mentioned only five times in scripture and introduces some of Paul’s most important affirmations.

The five scriptures:

“**But now** apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and Prophets testify.” Romans 3:21

“**But now** that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.” Romans 6:22

“**But now**, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.” Romans 7:6

“**And now** these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

“**But** Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

In each of these texts the phrase “**But Now**,” saying in essence “**but in fact now**,” emphasizes the important facts Paul is led to highlight:

“**But Now**” (Nuvi De’), translated “**but in fact now**.” These two short words at the beginning of our passages are very significant.

“**But Now**” (Nuvi de’), interpreted “**but in fact now**,” causes and allows believers to know that Paul is shifting to a new thought, a new theme. Paul had, in the previous chapters, painted a dark and drastic, but accurate and realistic, picture of the spiritual and moral condition of the human race.

“**But Now**” (Nuvi de’), decoded “**but in fact now**.” These two short words indicate a transition in Paul’s thought. These two words teach us so much about what God has done for us through Christ.

“**But Now**” (Nuvi de’), rendered “**but in fact now**.” They help to illustrate the process of salvation. They give us a glimpse into just why Jesus Christ is so important.

“**But Now**” (Nuvi de’), explained “**but in fact now**.” It is a wonderful transition from speaking about the universal guilt and enslavement to sin, to the glorious freedom that can be found through salvation in Christ.

“**But Now**” (Nuvi de’), means “**but in fact now**.” It tells us of the plan for that salvation, and that we must do to attain it. “**But Now**” God has inaugurated a new era, and all who respond in faith will be transferred into the new era.

“**But Now**” (Nuvi de’), expanded upon “**but in fact now**.” Paul introduces us to a new era of righteousness not based on works but on faith.

“**But Now**” (Nuvi de’), described “**but in fact now**,” the Apostle Paul shows the absolute certainty of Love, the Resurrection, Righteousness, Free from Sin, Delivered From The Law. In essence Paul is saying, “No if or buts about it; no shaded areas, no gray areas when it comes to our belief,” on these five scriptures texts. A fact is a fact. It is beyond any doubt, it actually happened. He uses “**but in**

fact now,” to prove the certainty of what we believers believed. In other words, Paul says it is beyond doubt, it actually happened. He uses **“but in fact now”** to prove a point, to prove a fact.

These five gospel messages paint the picture of the Gospel. The Gospel truth permeates everything Paul ever wrote. The Gospel was at the center of his thoughts at all times and these messages reflect that. There was no alternative fact with Paul. To Paul, when it came to Jesus, Christ made it all happen, and that’s a fact.

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Jesus Is Alive And That’s A Fact

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