



New vs. Old

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TODAY'S READING: 2 Corinthians 5

It is ridiculous for those of us who claim to be Christ followers to continue to live in the flesh, remaining unchanged in this heart and life, and dead in our sin. To be a new creation, Christ needs to dwell in our hearts. The old nature has been changed. Romans 6 says we were once slaves to sin, full of self, pride and anger. When sin dominated our lives, we were under the control of Satan. But when we decide to accept Christ Jesus into our lives, we accept His lordship and we become children of God. We are cleansed and set free by the blood of Christ and receive everlasting life. Our worldview changes and we now look to the things which are eternal and not at the things which are seen.

All things become new! God does not mend us, but He makes us a new creation when we believe in Jesus Christ. A new way of looking at things comes into our hearts and minds. Our pride and prejudiced attitudes change as we become more dependent on God. When we are made a new creation, God takes ownership of our very being. We are united to Christ by faith. John 15:4 says we are to be in Him as a branch in the vine. We begin to get our nourishment from the vine and begin to produce good fruit. No matter how terrible our past looks, God promises us that even though our sins are crimson red, he will make us as white as snow. He makes us new!

When united with Christ by faith, our lives take a new direction. Our views, motives, principles and plans for life look different. Our focus is on our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Our plans and purposes in life now belong to Christ. The change becomes so strong and unshakable that people start to see a different person.

God does not desire any to perish, but He desires that all be saved. He has provided a way through his Son Jesus, who was made sin for us, so we might be made right with God. If God is calling you today, do not hesitate. This new life in Christ can be yours if you are willing to believe, repent and receive Christ into your life!

PRAYER: Lord thank You for the new life we have in You. Thank you for the changed heart, mind and desires. I pray that You would speak to us today and draw people into God's family.

TOMORROW'S READING: 2 Corinthians 6

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