

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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So from now on we regard no-one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

A New Creature

Becoming a new creature is a must!

No more living for the world

No more bound by sin

No more bound to the "old man"

A witness / testimony to the Power of God

More than a good person A new person!

In Christ....

Taking the time to listen

Prayer

Meditation

Teaching / Preaching of the Word

Reading / Studying of the Word

he is a new creature....

In this newness of life we acquire a new set of standards. No longer do we judge things by the standards the world uses.

Matthew 5

Love your enemies

Do good to them that hate you

Judge not

Go the extra mile

It is more than turning over a new leaf, it is beginning a new life with a new master!

Colossians 2:6-8

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Rooted and built up in him, and **stablished** in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Submit / Commit

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Learning from His example

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The importance of the Holy Ghost infilling.

old things are passed away...

The view of Christ
Love of the world's ways
Opinions, habits, self-centeredness, etc...

all things are become new.

Ephesians 2:4-6

*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

What we see is determined by where we are sitting.

"A man's concept of God creates His attitude toward the hour in which he lives."

G. Campbell Morgan

WHAT USE IS A ROOM WITH A VIEW IF ALL YOU WANT TO DO IS TO SIT IN THE DARK.

Here is no easy way, but..

No victory without a battle
Flowers with out rain
Sunrise without the night
Paycheck without work
New life without death!

Natural new life

Lobsters shed shells
Snakes shed their skin
Tadpoles become frogs
Caterpillars become butterflies

Dying out to sin is not easy for some, that's why they never become new creatures!

Old lifestyles
Old habits

Repentance is the key!

It's one thing to say I'm sorry quite another thing to quit what you're sorry for!

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

godly sorrow

Sorrow that results from sins committed against God.

Psalms 51:4

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

worketh repentance...

Permanent change
A reformation of life
A new creature!

Christ did not come into this world to patch up an old religion, merely to mend a hole here, or beautify a spot there, or add a touch to this part or that.

Christ did not come to mend up man a little, to cover over some bad spots, to sew up rips in his character with patches of new clothe of His grace.

He came to make a new creature.