

God Makes Us New Creations

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

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I. It was _____. Now it is _____.

II. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

A. (5:14-15) We were _____. Now we are _____.

Rom. 5:12

1 Cor. 15:22

B. (5:15) We used to _____. Now we _____.

C. (5:16-17) We were _____. Now we are _____.

I am accepted...

I am secure...

I am significant...

Col. 3:5,8,9

Col. 3:12-14

D. (5:18-19) We were _____. Now we are _____.

Rom. 3:23

Eph. 2:1

Matt. 6:14-15

Ex. 34:7

Ps. 103:12

E. (5:20) We were _____. Now we are _____.

Rom. 5:10

Phil. 3:18

Jam. 4:4

F. (5:21) We were _____. Now we are _____.

III. Conclusion

We are new creations in Christ.

We recognize our new identity in Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

You † Your Family † Your Friends † Your Community Group

1. Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? Have you kept them so far?
2. In the sermon we learned of how believers in Jesus are now new creations in Christ. Have you received Christ as your Savior and do you follow Him as Lord? If not, what prevents you from believing in Him? If so, how has following Jesus changed your life as a new creation?
3. 2 Cor. 5:15 says that Jesus "died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." We are all prone to living for our selfish desires. How might we rearrange and reprioritize our time, our talent, and our treasure to live for Jesus? Be specific!
4. Looking at the "New Identity in Christ" card, look up each of the 25 or so Bible verses to confirm each of those statements (don't assume that anything you read or hear is true!). If you're in a Community Group meeting, talk about them. Which ones strike you right now? Which ones reassure you most? Are there any that you didn't realize were true?
5. In what ways can you be more of a "minister of reconciliation" to your family, friends, neighbors, or even enemies? Will you confidently let God "make an appeal through" you?
6. Spend time in prayer thanking God for making you a new creation in Christ and for giving you a new identity in Christ.

Answer Key

I. It was 2018. Now it is 2019.

A. We were dead in Adam. Now we are alive in Christ.

B. We used to live for ourselves. Now we live for Christ.

C. We were the old self. Now we are new creations.

D. We were trespassers. Now we are ministers of reconciliation.

E. We were enemies of God. Now we are ambassadors for Christ.

F. We were sin. Now we are the righteousness of God in Christ.