

# THE NEW HAS COME

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

"The fact that someone is a new person, a new creation, means that he has a new life, but his new life is not the same thing as his new birth. Rather, his new life is the result of his new birth, in the same way that each day of his life is the result of his physical birth. Each of us has a birthday each year, but we are not born each year. Birth happens once, and it indicates the beginning of one's existence as a person in this world.

During the first two months of my Christian experience, I was on an emotional roller-coaster ride with respect to my spiritual life. I went from spiritual ecstasy to profound spiritual depression... I went from spiritual highs to a profound sense of the absence of God, when I would fall back into old sin patterns.

The conflict is ongoing because the capacity for evil that resides in the heart of a regenerate person is almost without limit. We ought not to be too shocked when we see Christian leaders falling into serious sin. We have the power of a new life, but that doesn't automatically erase our pre-conversion tendencies (see Gal. 5:16–26; Rom. 6–7). Regeneration is just the beginning. But it's not only just the beginning—it is the beginning. It is the most significant beginning that you'll ever have.



# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Have you ever needed to make space for something? Or have you ever gotten rid of something and simply noticed the empty space? How often does it stay that way? The biblical pattern for our lives is not just to 'get rid of bad things,' but to fill those 'empty' places with something new. God did this first; He didn't just remove the old but replaced it with something new.

What is this “new creation” that 2 Cor 5:17 is talking about?

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Why do you think God establishing the 'New Creation' crucial for understanding the significance of the old self passing away?

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Read Revelation 21:1-5. What do we learn about God's new creation(s) from this passage?

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Since we are in Him and the "new has come," why do we still find ourselves longing for things of this world, and how can we overcome our natural tendencies to do so?

“God will surely make all things new, and he has already begun that new creation work in his people... The renovation of the hearts and lives of God's people now anticipates the coming renewal and restoration of all things. Lord, hasten the day when our faith will be sight.”

-Brian Tabb

**QUOTE TO  
CONSIDER**

# VERSES FOR THE WEEK

**REVELATION 21:1-5**

**EPHESIANS 4:22-24**

**GALATIANS 6:14-16**

**COLOSSIANS 3:9-10**

