

**Being Made New**

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**2 Cor 5:14-21** (We’re a New Creation, Ambassadors for Christ, who are the ‘righteousness of God,’ with a ministry of reconciliation)

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**2 Cor 3:15-18** (Have we fully arrived to our new post??)

15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**Rom 12:1-2** (Transformed by the renewing or our mind...so that we know the will off God)

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

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

**Eph 4:17-24** (We still have some choice in this renewing and transforming...put off the old, put on the new)

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart;

19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ,

21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according
to the deceitful lusts,
23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Eph 4:25-32 (Putting off the old man requires some action)
25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.
26 Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,
27 nor give place to the devil.
28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.
29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.
30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.
32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Col 3:1-11 (Again, set your minds & put off the old man)
1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,
7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.
8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.
9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,
10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. (We’re all the same in Christ)

Col 3:12-17 (Picture of the ‘renewed’ person)
12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;
13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
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.  
17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Live as though our ‘faith and hope are in God’)

1 Peter 1:19-25 ('Our faith & hope are in God’... Jesus came for this very thing...)  
20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you  
21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,  
23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,  
24 because "All flesh is as grass,  
And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.  
The grass withers,  
And its flower falls away,  
25 But the word of the LORD endures forever."

Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

Eph 6:10-20 (Put on the ‘whole armor of God...leave it on, & speak boldly as Ambassadors)  
10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.  
11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.  
12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.  
13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.  
14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,  
15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;  
16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.  
17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;  
18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—  
19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,  
20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.  
(We are ‘born again;’ a ‘new creation;’ and we’re we’re ‘being renewed;’  
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