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NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST© - SEPARATING OURSELVES FROM THE THE WORLD'S WAY OF THINKING, TALKING AND LIVING

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

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

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When someone becomes a Christian, he or she becomes a brand new person. 2 Cor.5:17a states: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature". In Christ meaning: including Christ, in the presence of Christ, embodying Christ and encompassing Christ. Christ is at the very core of our souls.

The change occurs internally but when you're in Christ, the power of Christ brings about a change where others see a new creature (a new person). 2 Cor.5:17b says, "Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." You're not the same anymore. A new life has begun.

Many writers associate this change to that of a caterpillar turning into a butterfly. During the metamorphosis of a caterpillar, the old life is changed from a fuzzy caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly full of colors. It is at this beauty that most people marvel. It is nothing wrong with the fuzzy caterpillar but it becomes it's best as a beautiful butterfly.

God gives believers the same opportunity to become the best. Remember, "Any may in Christ, is a new creature, old things are passed away." In order for the believer's metamorphosis to take place, old things have to put away. When others see the new believer do they see the beauty of Christ? Do they see a person at there best? The beauty of Christ can't shine through if we're holding on to "old stuff".

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What exactly is the "old stuff"? The old stuff is anything that separates the believer from the presence of God.

Ephesians 4:22-24(KJV) tells us:

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

The old man in verse 22 can be compared to life before becoming a believer. We must put that old life away, the same way we get rid of old clothes. The "old stuff" is anything from an old lifestyle that results from our natural deceitful desires. The "old stuff" is anything that prohibits others from seeing Christ in us.

Becoming a new creature is not something that happens over night. It is a process. The newness comes after believing in God, trusting God and studying the word of God. When we trust, believe, and study, we recognize that our thoughts and actions are not what they used to be.

As new creatures in Christ, we live in this world but the world can't be in us - Christ is in us. It is because of our relationship with Christ that we change our way of thinking, talking and living. We must strive to allow Christ to help us complete our metamorphosis *to be a brand new person-GOD'S WAY.*

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