

THE NEW YOU

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (KJV)

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

18 *And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*

- Who Are We?
- We are a new creation.
- When you become "In Christ" there is a change that takes place.
- Who you once were is gone, dead, buried, and forgotten by God.
- The problem is that it doesn't always stay gone, dead, buried, and forgotten to us.
- Most Christians live with the guilt and shame of their past and are limited in their advancement with God because of it.

Romans 8:1 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

- The moment you come into relationship with Jesus Christ, you are given a brand new start.
- Now, what changes about you is not your appearance, it's your quality of life.
- Your spirit is made new.
- You now have eternal life.
- Eternal life is not duration of time; it is a quality of life.
- You are a new species; never created before and can never be imitated.

WHO ARE WE?

- Who you are is something unique, something powerful, and something epic.
- Who you are is so new that God has to introduce you to your new self.

-That's why the letters of Paul describe who we are **now** in Christ.

"You look a lot better in Christ than you do outside of Him." -Mark Hankins

-Paul's letters reveal to use our identification with Christ.

YOU CANNOT INTRODUCE YOURSELF UNLESS YOU KNOW YOURSELF!

-It's very hard to strike up a conversation with someone who you know nothing about and have never met.

-Great conversations begin when there is common ground.

-The Holy Spirit said to me one day, "You cannot introduce yourself unless you know yourself."

-Sometimes I wonder if God is looking at us in our times of desperate pleas and begging and wondering who we are.

-Because the person the He created is more than a conqueror, made in the very image of God.

-The person He created can do all things through Christ, is His masterpiece, and has been granted full access straight into the throne room of God.

-We have been made the righteousness of God.

-Once God buried your old man, that man was forgiven and forgotten.

-God does not respond to or recognize that man.

-You need to go to God as the new creation that He created.

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

-When we go to God we must first know who He is, and then we must know who we are.

-Whatever you are believing God for today, go to Him as a new creature.

-Go to Him confident.

Philippians 3:13-14 (KJV)

13 *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,*

14 *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

- Leave the past in the past and strive for the new.
- Leave last year, last month, last week, and yesterday behind and expect new things today!
- God has amazing things designed, prearranged, and in store for His new creation.
- Who we are is a new creature, a speaking spirit, destined to reign, and cleared of all charges from the past.