

A NEW WAY OF LIVING

A NEW CREATION – TRANSFORMATION

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (AMP)

¹⁷ Therefore if **anyone** is in Christ [that is, **grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior**], *he is* a **new creature** [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the **previous moral and spiritual condition**] have **passed away**. Behold, **new things have come** [because **spiritual awakening brings a new life**]. ¹⁸ But all *these* things are from **God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ** [making us acceptable to Him] and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation** [so that **by our example we might bring others to Him**], ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting people's sins against them [but cancelling them]. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation [that is, **restoration to favor with God**].

Ephesians 2 (AMP)

¹ And you [He made alive when you] were [spiritually] dead and separated from Him because of your transgressions and sins, ² in which you once walked. You were following the ways of this world [influenced by this present age], in accordance with the prince of the power of the air (Satan), the spirit who is now at work in the disobedient [the unbelieving, who fight against the purposes of God]. ³ Among these [unbelievers] we all once lived in the passions of our flesh [our **behavior governed by the sinful self**], indulging the desires of human nature [without the Holy Spirit] and [the impulses] of the [**sinful**] mind...

¹¹ Therefore, remember that at one time you **Gentiles by birth**, who are called "Uncircumcision" by those who called themselves "Circumcision," [itself a mere mark] *which is* made in the flesh by human hands—

¹² *remember* that at that time **you were separated from Christ** [excluded from any relationship with Him], **alienated from the commonwealth of Israel**, and **strangers to the covenants of promise** [with no share in the sacred Messianic promise and without knowledge of God's agreements], **having no hope** [in His promise] and [living] **in the world without God**.

¹³ **But now** [at this very moment] **in Christ Jesus** you who **once were [so very] far away [from God]** have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace *and* our bond of unity. **He who made both groups—[Jews and Gentiles]—into one body and broke down the barrier, the dividing wall** [of spiritual antagonism between us]...

¹⁶ And [that He] might **reconcile them both [Jew and Gentile, united]** in one body to God through the cross, thereby putting to death the hostility...

¹⁸ For it is through Him that **we both have a [direct] way of approach in one Spirit** to the Father. ¹⁹ So then **you are no longer strangers and aliens [outsiders without rights of citizenship]**, but you are **fellow citizens with the saints** (God's people), and are **[members] of God's household ...**

²² In Him [and in fellowship with one another] **you also are being built together** into **a dwelling place of God** in the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

⁹ But ye are a **chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people**; that ye should **shew forth the praises of him who hath called you** out of darkness into his marvellous light;

1 Peter 2:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ **Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

BEFORE SALVATION	AFTER SALVATION
Spiritually dead and separated from Him	Alive in Christ Jesus and near to God
Following the ways of this world	Followers of Christ & fellow citizens with the saints
Fighting against the purposes of God	Declaring the praises of him who called you
Governed by the sinful self	A holy nation, God's special possession
Alienated from the commonwealth of Israel	Having Direct way of Access to the Father
Strangers to the covenants of promise	No longer strangers and aliens
No share in the sacred Messianic promise	Chosen generation, a royal priesthood
Having no hope	Built together into a dwelling place of God
So very far away from God	Brought near by the blood of Christ

CHANGE OF BEHAVIOR

1 Peter 2:11-12 (KJV)

¹¹ Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts**, which war against the soul; ¹² **Having your conversation honest** among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may **by your good works, which they shall behold**, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:11-12 (AMP)

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers [in this world] to **abstain from the sensual urges** [those dishonourable desires] that wage war against the soul. ¹² **Keep your behavior excellent** among the [unsaved] Gentiles [**conduct yourself honourably, with graciousness and integrity**], so that for whatever reason they may slander you as evildoers, yet **by observing your good deeds** they may [instead come to] glorify God in the day of visitation [when He looks upon them with mercy].

LEAVING OUR OLD WAYS BEHIND

Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁷ This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, **that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk**, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; ¹⁹ and they, **having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality, for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness...**

²² that, **in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self**, which is being **corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit**, ²³ and that you be **renewed in the spirit of your mind**, ²⁴ and **put on the new self**, which **in the likeness of God** has been created in **righteousness and holiness of the truth**.

Galatians 5:16-24 (AMP)

¹⁶ But I say, walk *habitually* in the [Holy] Spirit [seek Him and be responsive to His guidance], and then you will certainly not carry out the desire of the sinful nature [which responds impulsively without regard for God and His precepts].

¹⁷ For the sinful nature has its desire which is opposed to the Spirit, and the [desire of the] Spirit opposes the sinful nature; for these [two, the sinful nature and the Spirit] are in direct opposition to each other [continually in conflict], so that you [as believers] do not [always] do whatever [good things] you want to do.

¹⁸ But if you are guided *and* led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the Law. ¹⁹ Now the practices of the sinful nature are *clearly* evident: they are sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality (total irresponsibility, lack of self-control), ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions [that promote heresies],

²¹ envy, drunkenness, riotous behavior, and *other* things like these. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature together with its passions and appetites.

Colossians 2:6 (AMP)

⁶ Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in [union with] Him [reflecting His character in the things you do and say—living lives that lead others away from sin],

Ephesians 4:25-32

²⁵ Therefore, rejecting all falsehood [whether lying, defrauding, telling half-truths, spreading rumors, any such as these], speak truth each one with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one another [and we are all parts of the body of Christ]. ²⁶ Be angry [at sin—at immorality, at injustice, at ungodly behavior], yet do not sin; do not let your anger [cause you shame, nor allow it to] last until the sun goes down.

²⁷ And do not give the devil an opportunity [to lead you into sin by holding a grudge, or nurturing anger, or harboring resentment, or cultivating bitterness]. ²⁸ The thief [who has become a believer] must no longer steal, but instead he must work hard [making an honest living], producing that which is good with his own hands, so that he will have *something* to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let unwholesome [foul, profane, worthless, vulgar] words ever come out of your mouth, but only such *speech* as is good for building up others, according to the need *and* the occasion, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear [you speak].

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [but seek to please Him], by whom you were sealed *and* marked [branded as God's own] for the day of redemption [the final deliverance from the consequences of sin].

³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor [perpetual animosity, resentment, strife, fault-finding] and slander be put away from you, along with every kind of malice [all spitefulness, verbal abuse, malevolence]. ³² Be kind *and* helpful to one another, tender-hearted [compassionate, understanding], forgiving one another [readily and freely], just as God in Christ also forgave you.

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Nehemiah 8:10 (AMP)

¹⁰ Then Ezra said to them, “Go [your way], eat the rich festival food, drink the sweet *drink*, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be worried, **for the joy of the Lord is your strength *and* your stronghold.**”

Nehemiah 12:42-43 (AMP)

⁴² And the singers sang, with Jezrahiah as their leader. ⁴³ Also on that day they offered great sacrifices and **rejoiced** because God had given them **great joy**; the women and children also **rejoiced**, so that **the joy of Jerusalem was heard from far away.**

Romans 5:1-4 (AMP)

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified [that is, acquitted of sin, declared blameless before God] by faith, [let us grasp the fact that] we have peace with God [and the joy of reconciliation with Him] through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed).

² Through Him we also have access by faith into this [remarkable state of] grace in which we [firmly and safely and securely] stand. Let us rejoice in our hope *and* the confident assurance of [experiencing and enjoying] the glory of [our great] God [the manifestation of His excellence and power].

³ And not only *this*, but [with joy] let us exult in our sufferings *and* rejoice in our hardships, knowing that hardship (distress, pressure, trouble) produces patient endurance; ⁴ and endurance, proven character (spiritual maturity); and proven character, hope *and* confident assurance [of eternal salvation].

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (AMP)

¹⁶ Rejoice always *and* delight in your faith; ¹⁷ be unceasing *and* persistent in prayer; ¹⁸ in every situation [no matter what the circumstances] be thankful *and* continually give thanks *to God*; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4 (AMP)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, take pleasure in Him]; again I will say, rejoice!

Romans 15:13 (AMP)

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope *and* overflow with confidence in His promises.

John 16:24 (AMP)

²⁴ Until now you have not asked [the Father] for anything in My name; but now ask *and* keep on asking and you will receive, so that **your joy may be full *and* complete.**

John 10:10 (AMP)

¹⁰ The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance [**to the full**, till it overflows].

John 15:4-11 (AMP)

- Remain in Him;
- Bear much fruit;
- Have his words remaining in us;
- To be vitally united with Him;
- To have His message living in our hearts;
- To remain in His love;
- Keep His commandments; *and*
- Obey His teaching.

John 15:11

¹¹ I have told you these things **so that My joy *and* delight may be in you**, and that **your joy may be made full *and* complete *and* overflowing.**