**A NEW CREATION**

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

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**INTRODUCTION**

When a person becomes a believer, he or she becomes a new creation in Christ. Whereas the person has been a person of the world, the person becomes a new person in the Kingdom of God. Paul describes this new creation as making something new out of something old. Paul gives us several details about this glorious change that occurs.

1. **A NEW CREATION: THE OLD HAS GONE**
2. The old way of worldly **thinking** has gone.
3. The old way of living a worldly **life** has ended.
4. The old way of making bad **choices** has been amended.

*The things of the world no longer have the same impact upon our lives because we have been changed into persons who desire to escape the former connections with the world.*

1. **A NEW CREATION: THE NEW HAS COME**
2. We have a new **awareness** of God’s presence.
3. We have a new **purpose** for living.
4. We have a new **desire** to live a Godly life.

*The things of the world have been replaced with the things of God. We are no longer self-centered, but Christ-centered. Thus, our lives are centered around what God wants, not just what we want. Our values have changed, and the world no longer dictates what we value or what we do.*

1. **A NEW CREATION: AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST**
2. We no longer regard **people** from “a worldly perspective” but as God regards them.
3. We now have been given a **ministry** of reconciliation—to bring peace.
4. We now offer a **message** of reconciliation—one our King gives to us.

*As Christ’s ambassadors, we are to be people of peace, people who offer peace, and people who seek to establish peace between God and man. Everything we do is for our King, not for ourselves. We have no peace to give, no message to bring. It is the message God gives us that brings peace to those who will receive it. We are merely the messengers!*

**CONCLUSION**

Out with the old; in with the new! That is what God has done for us by making us a new creation. The problem is that some of those old characteristics, those old patterns, die hard. They keep resurfacing in our lives. Thus, we are involved in an everyday struggle to allow the new to replace the old. Oh, that it might be complete at the moment of believing! However, we are a new creation that is in the process of being remade. It takes a lifetime to complete this change from the old to the new. How are you doing in becoming the new creation God intends for you to be? Are you making progress so that you the new is replacing more and more of the old with each passing day? Do you sometimes become frustrated with yourself and consider giving up! That is not as uncommon as you might think! Rather than giving up, I urge you to choose to recommit yourself to becoming new with God’s help.

*“This is my desire to honor You. Lord, with all my heart, I worship You.*

*All I have within me I give you praise. All that I adore is in You.*

*Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul; I live for You alone.*

*Every breath that I take every moment I’m awake, Lord, have Your way in me.”*