

## OUT WITH THE OLD...IN WITH THE NEW

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

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*2 Corinthians 5:17 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."*

#### I. DECLARATION: YOU ARE A NEW CREATION

##### A. Two Natures – Old and New

1. Apart from Christ we are all OLD = sinful
2. In Christ we are NEW = ability to live godly

#### II. QUESTION #1 – HOW DO I BECOME NEW?

*2 Corinthians 5:18a - "All this is from God..."*

##### A. We cannot make ourselves new - only God can

#### III. QUESTION #2 – HOW DOES GOD ACTUALLY MAKE ME NEW?

*2 Corinthians 5:18b-19 - "...who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation."*

##### A. He accomplishes newness through Christ

1. To be new = to be reconciled
2. Our sin makes us hostile towards God

##### B. Through Christ, God does not count our trespasses against us

~ God's justice doesn't allow Him to turn a blind eye to sin

#### IV. QUESTION #3 – WHAT DID JESUS DO TO RECONCILE US?

*2 Corinthians 5:21 - "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

##### A. He became sin for us

##### B. He gave us His righteousness

#### V. QUESTION #4 – WHAT WILL YOUR RESPONSE BE?

*2 Corinthians 5:20 - "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."*

##### A. You need to be an ambassador

1. You participate in the "ministry" and the "message" of reconciliation
2. Your life centers on representing the Gospel

##### B. You need to be reconciled to God

~ Realize the powerful effect of your sin

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why is it important for Christians to remind themselves of the truth of the Gospel like Paul does in 2 Corinthians 5:17-21? How does this help us live differently?
3. Why is the message of reconciliation such an important message for our world today?

### READ ROMANS 8:7

4. What does it mean to have a mind set on the flesh? How is a fleshly mindset hostile towards God?
5. Paul mentions that our flesh opposes God's Law. What is God's Law for believers?
6. Why is it bad not to submit to God's Law? What does it communicate about how we see God if we are unwilling to submit to Him?
7. What is one point of application that you can take with you and live out this week?