

All things New: Restored Identity

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II Corinthians 5:17-21

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

I. New life in Christ means all things are new, including a Restored Identity and Restored Purpose.

II. Our NEW NATURE defines our identity, and our identity defines our purpose.

In Christ-Galatians 2:20(NLT) My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

We are adopted- Ephesians 1:5-6 (TLB) **5** His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to!**6** Now all praise to God for his wonderful kindness to us and his favor that he has poured out upon us because we belong to his dearly loved Son.

We are his children!- 1 John 3:1(NIV) See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

III. Our identity is not based on what we've done but what God has done.

Romans 5:10-11 "For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

IV. Our restored Identity leads us to our purpose/mission as believers.

Ambassadors

Are you being a good representation?

ACTION ITEMS

1. Confess, Repent and put my faith in Christ today.
2. Own my restored identity in Christ as an Ambassador.
3. Download the prayer guide below and seek God in 2021.

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