

# HAPPY NEW YOU

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

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### 1. What is the catalyst to our being made new?

It's a CONCLUSION that Christ died for us... Therefore:

- a. We are CONTROLLED by His perfect, selfless love.
- b. We no longer live for OURSELVES but for CHRIST.

### 2. What does it mean to be a new creation?

When we are born into newness in Christ...

- a. We are brought into New RELATIONSHIP as children of God.
- b. We are given a New SPIRIT, our guarantee, that guides us, and...
- c. Progressively TRANSFORMS into a New IMAGE, reflecting Christ.

### 3. What is our purpose in being made new?

We become ambassadors for Christ with a new mission:

- a. Ministry of Reconciliation: God making His appeal THROUGH US.
- b. Message of Reconciliation: BE RECONCILED TO GOD.



# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What's your favorite New Year's tradition? Do you make New Year's Resolutions? Do you tend to keep them? Why or why not?

2. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 notes a change in us because we conclude something. (Other translations have "judge" or "convinced.") What helped you make the conclusion that "Christ died for all?" What objections do you experience from others?

3. Based on our conclusion, what should people see as being different about how Christians live? What does it mean to "live for Him who for their sake died and was raised"? See John 15:9-13, Galatians 2:20-21.

4. What does it mean to be a New Creation? What was wrong with the old one? In what ways are we made new in Christ?

5. Paul often speaks of "putting off" and "putting on", for example, Romans 13:12-14, Ephesians 4:17-25, Colossians 3:7-14. If we are made new, why do we need to put off and put on? What do you struggle with "putting off" or "putting on?"

6. What should an ambassador do? In what ways have you embraced your role as an ambassador for Christ? How is it evidenced in your everyday life to have a "ministry and message of reconciliation?"