

# ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW

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How many times have we read or heard preaching on the scripture found in II Corinthians 5:17. *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: **old things** are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*

I know that means when we accept Jesus as our Savior we now have a new life in Him. We now have a **LIVE spiritual life** that once was dead, because God has forgiven us of our sins. If you are like me, you know that this ‘new creature’ we now are is because our spirit man is now alive. Praise God for this instant transformation from being spiritually dead to becoming spiritually alive in Him!

Today, I want us to focus upon the next part, the part after the colon. **English grammar lesson:** Did you know that the words behind a colon help to explain (or make clearer) the word(s) in front of the colon? Okay, a ‘new creature’ means ‘**old things** are passed away.’ Sure, you say, that’s my sins. But I want to enlighten you today and say it is **MORE** than your sins!

The ‘**old things**’ refers to our ‘old’ way of thinking which was based upon our flesh mind and nature. ‘**Old things**’ refers to our ‘old’ way of responding, which usually has been reacting to situations by using our flesh defenses. ‘**Old things**’ can refer to our ‘old’ way of doing things. Our human nature, for some reason, does not like change; therefore, we stay stuck in doing things the same way our parents, maybe our friends, or even society have done things. Some other ‘**old things**’ could include the ‘old’ way we see or understand situations. We have a tendency, as humans, to look only from our own view-point because human nature is selfish. All of these ‘**old things**’ are passed away when we become a new creature **in Christ**. There is a change that will take place **in** us; however, all changes don’t happen instantly or overnight. If they did, we (our flesh man) couldn’t handle it. We would feel like the we that we know was falling apart . . . and guess what that is exactly what is happening. Our flesh-based, flesh-controlled person is no longer in charge and is falling apart. With all the new science and new technology today, no one has come up with a seed that can be planted one day and becomes a full-mature plant producing fruit the same day, or even the day after, it is planted. It takes **TIME** for ‘**all things to become new.**’

It takes time for our new-man in Christ to take control of our flesh-man. No, this does not give us an excuse to continue in our old ways! I am just reminding everyone that growing takes time. As you learn to constantly think about, talk to, and listen for the Lord your Father, you will begin to make changes. These changes may be so small that you do not recognize them, but others will!

**“BEHOLD”!** This word is defined as look, see, observe. I would even say ‘take note.’ **All things are become new.**” You will acquire a ‘**new**’ way of talking. Instead of speaking doubt and being ‘Debbie downer’ you will be speaking positively. You will be speaking faith, hope, love to yourself and to others. This is the ‘**new**’ language’ that the Bible says we will speak. We will become faith talkers **all** the time! There will be a ‘**new**’ way we do things. We will become listeners instead of always doing the talking. We will be solution minded instead of fault finders. We will become more serving minded instead of wanting others to wait on us or watch them do all the work. There will even be a ‘**new**’ way that we lay hands upon people. Instead of touching out of anger, we will be touching others that are full of anger and hate and imparting peace to them without saying a word.

What is my part in this? I **must** focus (train) my mind to **always** be **conscious** of **God!** In confusion around me, I **must choose** to **seek HIM!** Call out to Him by just thinking “**Jesus.**” Then, I’ll live in love and peace and find **all things are become new.**