

Volume 1, Day 14: New Creation, New Life

This is the new creation. When Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians, "... old things have passed away and behold all things have become new ...," that's what he meant. It doesn't mean I'm totally different from that day on. It doesn't mean I'm free from sin from that point on. What he means is I enter into a whole new way of living the new creation, no longer held captive by the things of the old life or the old creation. Now I've become part of something new where I get to live in his love, experience his life, live by his power instead of my own.

Now, I know many of you have jumped through some of these hoops before. You've said the sinner's prayer. You've been baptized. You've done this. Yet, you still feel like the relationship hasn't satisfied your longing to be loved. I even get emails from people that are just certain, they've committed the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, which explains why this relationship isn't working for them. Or they've committed some other sin that disqualifies them from God's grace.

The 'Christian' religion will make you feel that way. But if you have a desire to know God intimately, you can. God says, "If you seek Me, you **will** find Me." He does not hide from you. But you must be willing to change what you believe about God in order to love Him. If you haven't discovered this relationship yet, now is the time to tell God, "I want to take this journey with an open mind.

Religion set you up for failure. Don't think it's your fault. Don't look inside and believe that there's some reason God **will not do this with you**. When you trust Him enough to surrender absolutely to Him and His ways, this journey becomes effective **for you**. Spend much time asking God to show you what and how to surrender to Him.