

# *new* CREATION

*“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are made new.”(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Jesus was the price for our salvation, He died and rose from the grave so we could live. God made a way for all of us because the space between us and the Father was too great we would never be able to do enough good deeds or sacrifice enough to get us to the Father. But our debt needed to be paid, and in God’s kindness and provision, He also provided the payment for us and that payment was Jesus. When we surrender our lives to Jesus, acknowledge His work on the cross and our need for His salvation, the sin that once ruled us is washed away and we become new. Psalm 103:12 paints this picture beautifully, “as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

The part that can be challenging and a lifelong pursuit of not going back to the old behaviors and lifestyles that fed our flesh. When we make the decision to follow Jesus we may need to make changes to set ourselves up for success. One of our 12 stones is, “we fight for surrender.” This means we actively fight our flesh and the desires of our heart that would cause us to drift back in our old ways that were destructive. We fight for surrender in our actions and in our thoughts.

Sometimes we need permission to walk away from who we once were, and the cross gives us that permission and places a demand on us to be a new creation. We may need to adjust who we allow to speak into our lives. We may need to change our friend circle because our old friendships pushed us towards brokenness and sometimes our friends won’t accept us to be who God is calling us to be. We may need to avoid certain books and music. We need to be willing to lay down everything that is a barrier for us.

You are not what you once did, you are not who you once were. The cross says you have been made new and you were worth the price Jesus paid. The cross doesn't demand perfection but it does demand surrender. Each day when we choose to put God first we are actively taking steps towards His will for our lives and away from the enemy's plan for our life. The enemy's only plan is to steal, kill and destroy but God's plan is for us to have life and have it in its fullness (John 10:10).

In Him, you are a new creation and through Him, He is making all things new.

## ***PRAYER***

FATHER THANK YOU FOR MAKING A WAY FOR ME WHEN THERE WAS NO WAY. THANK YOU FOR SEEING ME WORTHY OF JESUS' SACRIFICE. LORD WOULD YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE ME NEW, WOULD YOU UPROOT THE OLD HABITS THAT PUSHED ME FROM YOU AND PLANT NEW HABITS THAT MAKE ME MORE LIKE YOU. HELP ME AS I FIGHT FOR SURRENDER, SURROUND ME WITH HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, SHOW ME THE AREAS OF MY LIFE THAT DO NOT BRING YOU GLORY. WOULD YOU REMOVE THE HUNGER I HAVE FOR THE WAYS OF THE WORLD, MAY I HUNGER AND THIRST FOR YOUR WAYS. HELP ME TO LIVE THE LIFE YOU HAVE PROMISED ME AND NOTHING LESS. IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN.