

## *Study Guide Notes*

**Message:** *New Life, New You*

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**Text:** 2 Corinthians 5:17



**2 Corinthians 5:17** - *<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ – Spiritually reborn. Titus 3:4-5
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ – Sinner declared righteous by God. Romans 5:1
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ – Set apart by God. Hebrews 10:10

1. Your past can \_\_\_\_\_ you back.

- Your past prevents you from giving your life to Christ
- You have become comfortable in your lifestyle
- Your past can prevent you from receiving God's promises

*What is in your life that is preventing you from coming to Christ?*

2. Your past can \_\_\_\_\_ your walk.

- Because of your past, people in your life know you
- Those people will be skeptical of your new life in Christ
- The enemy will use your past against you

**Now Word** – *People can \_\_\_\_\_ you, but only God can \_\_\_\_\_ you!*

3. Your past can \_\_\_\_\_ you in ministry.

- God can repurpose your past
- Your past can be used to minister to others
- Your past will allow you to relate to others' experiences

4. \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that you are a new creation.
- Nothing can separate you from the Love of God! **Romans 8:38-39**
  - God says you are the righteousness of God in Christ!
  - You are a Royal Priesthood!
5. \_\_\_\_\_ out your new life in Christ, even if you don't feel it.
- **Philippians 2:12** – Work out your own salvation.
  - Not talking about a fake-it-till-you make it situation
  - Walk in the truth of who God says you are in Christ
  - It's a fact! Don't let the devil tell you otherwise
6. \_\_\_\_\_ God to grow you in Christ.
- **Romans 12:2** – Renew your mind
  - Growth has to be intentional
  - Prayer; studying the scriptures; fellowshiping with believers

So, here's the challenge:

- Stop letting your past speak louder than the cross.
- Stop rehearsing what God has already forgiven.
- Stop living like the old things still define you.

**TAKEAWAY - Accept** who you are in Christ. **Act** like what God says is true—even on days you don't feel it. **Allow** God to grow you, shape you, and use your story for His glory.