

It's *all* about  
Jesus.

*All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16*



**Created for Him!**

Off with the Old!  
Colossians 3:5-11



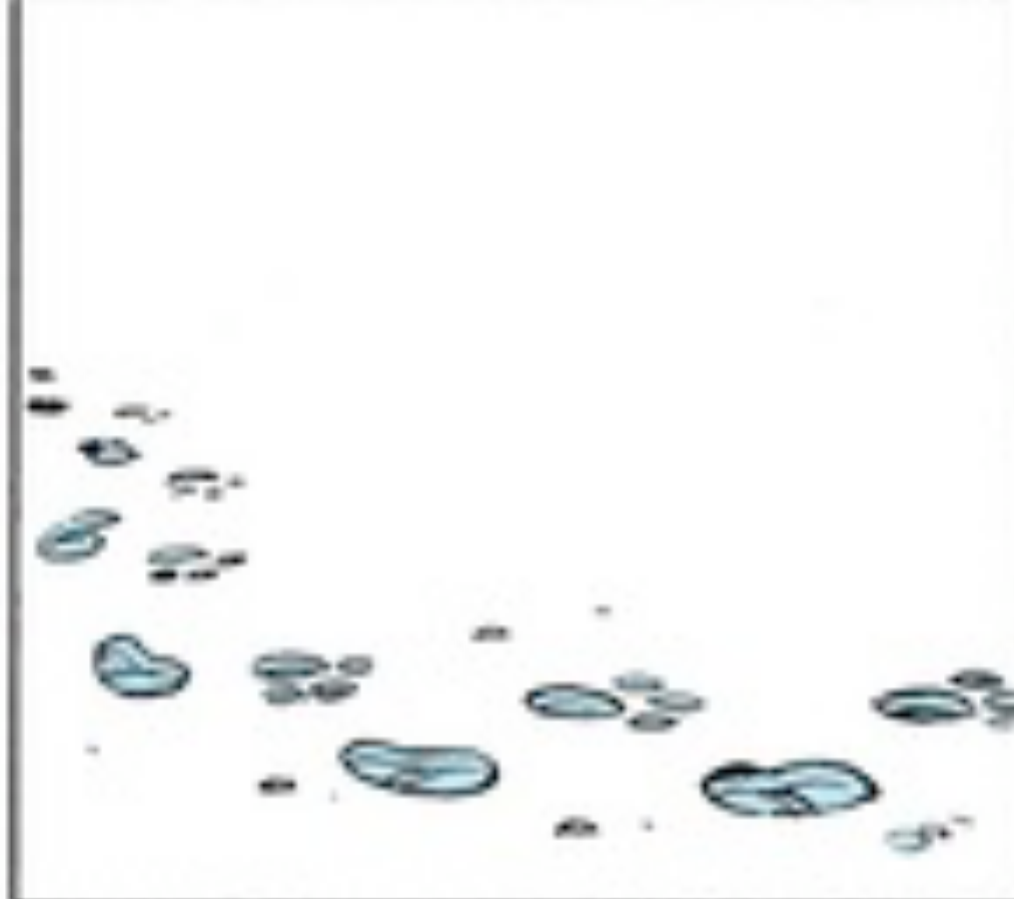
**On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (6-10)**



# Calvin and Hobbes

by WATSON

HOP HOP HOP HOP



DID YOU MAKE ANY RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR?

HECK NO.

I'M FINE JUST THE WAY I AM! WHY SHOULD I CHANGE?



IN FACT, I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME THE WORLD STARTED CHANGING TO SUIT ME! I DON'T SEE WHY I SHOULD DO ALL THE CHANGING AROUND HERE!

IF THE NEW YEAR REQUIRES RESOLUTIONS, I SAY IT'S UP TO EVERYONE ELSE, NOT ME! I DON'T NEED TO IMPROVE! EVERYONE ELSE DOES!



HOW ABOUT YOU? DID YOU MAKE ANY RESOLUTIONS?



WELL, I HAD RESOLVED TO BE LESS OFFENDED BY HUMAN NATURE, BUT I THINK I BLEW IT ALREADY.





. . . put to death the sin that remains in our flesh.

✓ **Fornication: any form of sexual sin.**  
I Thessalonians 4:3

✓ **Impurity: beyond sexual acts of sin.**  
Encompasses evil thoughts and intentions. Matthew 5:28

✓ **Passion, evil desire: Lust - passion is physical side, evil desire is mental side.**

✓ **Covetousness: (greed, lit. to have more)**  
An insatiable desire to gain more.



## **Idolatry = Wrath**

“Sin is simply disordered love.”  
Augustine, Confessions

“The human heart is an idol factory.”  
John Calvin

The Gospel challenges the gods that we have already established. And before you think this doesn't apply to you, I would argue that the process of sanctification in a disciple's life is our willingness to allow the Spirit of God to dismantle all of our idols. The Gospel *attacks* our idols, destroys them. Jeff Warren, Park Cities Baptist Church



HOW ARE YOU DOING ON YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

I DIDN'T MAKE ANY.



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SEE, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ONESELF, ONE MUST HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHAT'S "GOOD." THAT IMPLIES CERTAIN VALUES.



BUT AS WE ALL KNOW, VALUES ARE RELATIVE. EVERY SYSTEM OF BELIEF IS EQUALLY VALID AND WE NEED TO TOLERATE DIVERSITY. VIRTUE ISN'T "BETTER" THAN VICE. IT'S JUST DIFFERENT.



I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN TOLERATE THAT MUCH TOLERANCE.

I REFUSE TO BE VICTIMIZED BY NOTIONS OF VIRTUOUS BEHAVIOR.



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**Lie: pseudomai - To utter an untruth or attempt to deceive by falsehood.**

**Why do we lie?**

→ **Because we're afraid.**

→ **To impress others.**



# Which is it?

“For you have died” **OR** “Put to death?”  
*Something we can do because of what*

We participate by . . . *He’s already done!*

. . . immersing our hearts and minds  
in God’s word daily. Rom. 12:2

**= Transformation**

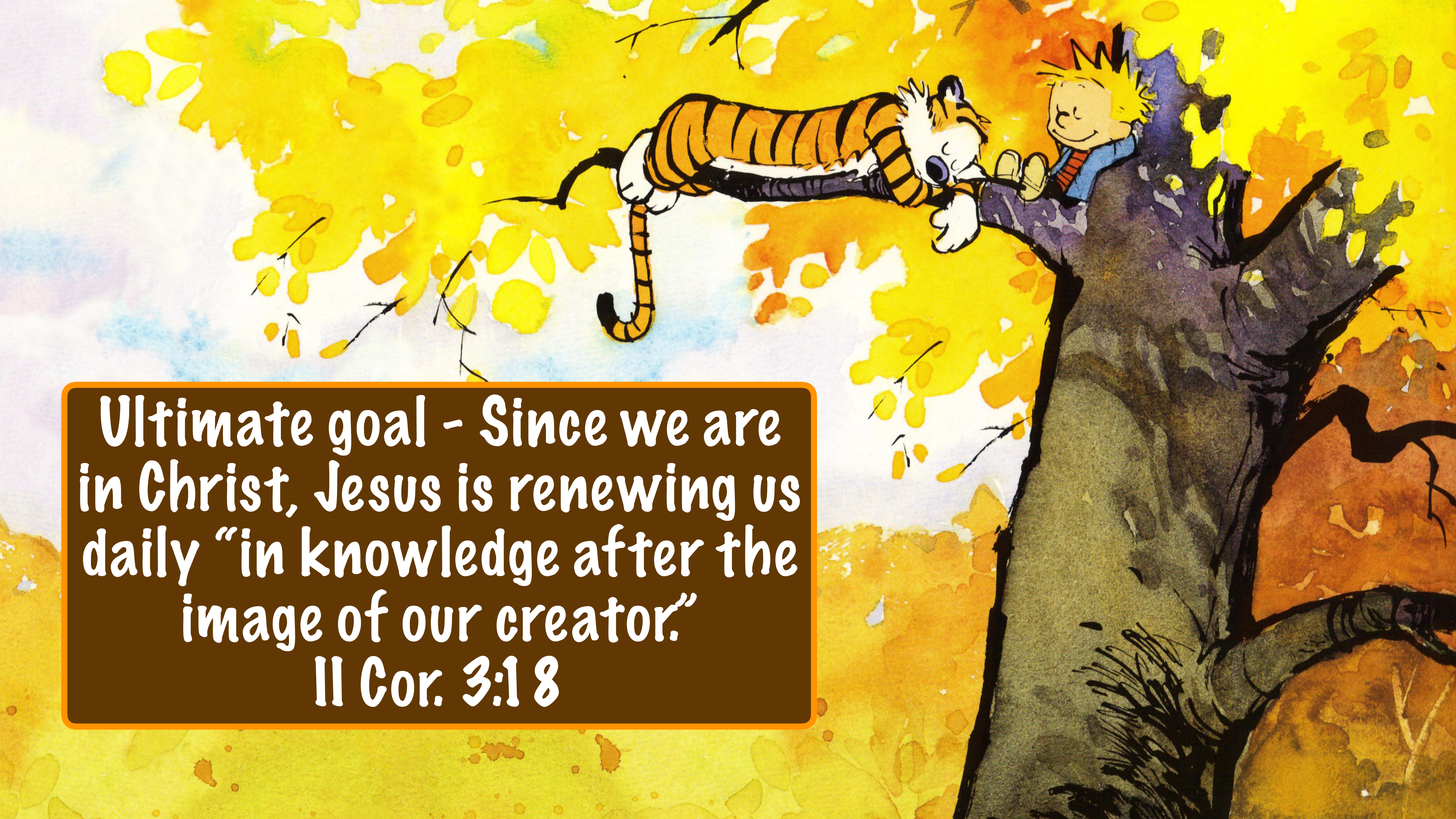
. . . abiding in His Presence through continuing  
in prayer. I Thess. 5:17; John 15:4,5

**= Fruit**

. . . living in community with  
the Body of Christ! Heb. 10:25

**= Service**



A watercolor-style illustration of Calvin and Hobbes. Calvin, a young boy with spiky blonde hair, is sitting on a large, dark tree branch. He is wearing a blue jacket and red-and-white striped shirt. Hobbes, a tiger with orange and black stripes, is lying on his back on the same branch, looking up at Calvin. The background is filled with bright yellow and orange leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The sky is a pale blue and white.

Ultimate goal - Since we are  
in Christ, Jesus is renewing us  
daily "in knowledge after the  
image of our creator."  
II Cor. 3:18