

A NEW Life!

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: In your own words, what difference does Jesus make in YOUR life? (Be specific)

Q: In your own words, what do you believe Jesus would have you say to those who don't believe in Him?

Table Time: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Q: What does the "new" "in Christ" look like?

Q: According to verse 18, what "ministry" have YOU been called to?

Q: What IS "reconciliation"?

Q: What is an "ambassador"?

Q: What is "God's appeal" He is making THROUGH us?

Q: According to verse 21, what has God done for YOU?

Big Group Debrief...

Let's Get Practical...

READ: Colossians 3:1-10 "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual

immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator."

Q: According to verse 1, WHAT are we to "seek"?

Q: According to verse 2, HOW are we to do that?

Q: According to verse 3, WHY are we to do that?

Q: According to verse 4, WHAT is the promise?

Q: In verses 4-9, we have a list of specific things to "put away". What are they? Why is it necessary to "put away" these attitudes and behaviors?

Q: According to verse 10, what are we to do? HOW are we to do it?

A: **Romans 12:2** "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Q: HOW are we to be "transformed" into "new"?

"Transformed": *"to change the essential form or nature of something - 'to become, to change, to be changed into, to be transformed"*

"Reviewed": *"to cause something to become new and different, with the implication of becoming superior"*

Q: How are we "transformed" and how are we "renewed"? In other words, how do we "put on the new life"?

HOMEWORK:

Q: What is a practical thing you can begin, stop or improve that will help Christ's New Life be MORE manifest in yours?