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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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We Are Not the Same (Pt. 1)

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NKJV – (17) Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

The new creation is described in **2 Corinthians 5:17**: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" The word "therefore" refers us back to verses 14-16 where Paul tells us that all believers have died with Christ and no longer live for themselves. Our lives are no longer worldly; they are now spiritual. Our "death" is that of the old sin nature which was nailed to the cross with Christ. It was buried with Him and, just as He was raised up by the Father, so are we raised up to "walk in newness of life" (**Romans 6:4**). The new person that was raised up is what Paul refers to in **2 Corinthians 5:17** as the "new creation."

I recall an experience where I found myself walking up to an old abandoned house. It had been vacant for years. The house was in bad shape! A family from up north purchased the house, repairing it to the point that it looked as if it was torn down and a new home built. But "no"; it was the same house. After repairing the house, the family repainted it and moved in a week later. The old house was still there however, it was transformed into something new.

When you and I accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior, we became a new creation! Along with the old passing away, "the new has come!" The old and dead are replaced with the new, full of life and the glory of God.

Praise God for a wonderful and perfect plan!!

SCRIPTURE READING - GALATIANS 2:20

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - PURCHASED with a price!!!!