

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

II Corinthians 5:17



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Changes

the *story* never changes
yet the *story* changes *everything*

The Christian life _____ with change.

• II Corinthians 5:17 – Christians are changed into new creations.

• I Corinthians 6:11-12

- _____ – fully washed, washed away, cleansed
- _____ – purified, made holy
- _____ – declared innocent/righteous

The Christian life is a life of _____ change.

• I John 1:9 – If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify/cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

• I Corinthians 11:27-29

• Psalm 139:23-24

_____ a Christian changes to become more like Christ:

- _____ **Sanctification** – the process by which a Christian continues to grow and change to become more like Christ.
 - Paul describes this as a 3-step process.
 - This may seem simple, but it isn't always easy, and takes a lifetime.

Ephesians 4:22-24

1. _____ **your old self (v. 22)**
 - Characterized by corrupting deceitful desires
2. _____ **/be renewed in the attitude of your minds**
(v.23; Romans 12:2)
 - Includes spirit, thoughts, feelings, and will
 - God changes/transforms us through His Word
3. _____ **your new self (v. 24)**
 - Like God – righteous and holy

Goals for Our Week of Prayer and Fasting:

1. Pursue Personal Holiness

- Set aside time and ask God about the changes He wants to make in our lives.
- Practice putting off the old, changing, and putting on the new.

2. Set a Pattern of Seeking God

- Replace a meal or daily activity with personal prayer time.
- Use the Prayer and Fasting Guide for family/small group devotions and focused prayer.
- Join the pastoral staff for corporate prayer in the parlor, January 3–7, from noon to 1:00pm.