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NEW AND NEW AGAIN

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

I so appreciate how gracious the Lord is to open our eyes with a fresh new perspective on His word. His word is definitely never stale, outdated, or useless. The truth is the word of God should seem new the first time you read it, and should be new again each time we lay our eyes upon it or hear it. Somehow, that is not what we always think.

There is a tendency to believe we have heard it all and read it all and it's just a repeat performance. Adopting that view makes our God finite and that is a falsehood. Our God is infinite and His word is living thus it is applicable to our lives as we continue to become new in being formed into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Most of us apply this scripture to a once in a lifetime event, that being, when we were initially born again. We speak about our new birth experience and define ourselves as being new. I believe we need to be aware of the fact that we are daily experiencing a new self as we embrace His new mercies every morning. Each day the Lord awakens us to see a new day it may still be another Wednesday, but it's new again as it's a Wednesday we never experienced before. Within that new day we are also new and old things have passed away, such as yesterday, or last week, and even December 7, 2010 is gone. We are given a new day again, with new mercies, new opportunities, new hours in a day, new perspectives, and the list goes on. It's all new again. We too are new again as the Lord is continually crafting us to be like Him.

This encourages me to think about change in a different perspective. We should rejoice that each day we are being changed to be like Jesus, therefore, each day we are a new and improved version of ourselves. This should elevate how we value being in Christ. So, I'm new today as I operate in Christ and if I see tomorrow, then I'm new again in Christ. That's awesome!!

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