

JULY 2

“IN CHRIST, YOU ARE A NEW CREATION. YOU ARE NOT RECYCLED.”

READ

Colossians 2:13-14, 2 Corinthians 5:15-17

Those of us who are in Christ are betrothed to the Lord, and soon He's coming back for His bride. That should make us shout for joy, but there's one thing that diminishes our expectations: we're not sure we're ready. We are ready if we've been reconciled to God. We start wondering if we've done enough, rather than remembering what He did on Calvary. When we start thinking about the coming of the Lord, we immediately start looking at our old self and our past — but neither exists! He has nailed them to the cross and washed them away. Christ came to save us from our sins, so we could be born again. Born again people are spiritual people; we don't think about each other in fleshly terms anymore. We're brothers and sisters in Christ. When you believe in the Lord something immediate, powerful, and eternal happens. You become a new creation — old things have passed away, and now all things are new. You're a new person with a new mind, a new heart, a new understanding, and a new destiny.

PRAY

Jesus, I thank You that Your blood is greater than the plague of the past. Let me forget the things which are behind and press forward, walking today in the newness of life.

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