

NO LONGER A FUGITIVE

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

The purpose of this series is to help you discover who you are in Christ — how to fully b_____ and how to fully live as the person he made you to be.

You are who God says you are, and he will help you become who he made you to be.

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

1. YOU ARE A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST Ref: 2nd Cor. 5:17

Becoming a Christian is not about turning over a new leaf. It's about being given n_____ life.

When you accept Jesus Christ, a new person — a new creation — takes up residence inside of you. This person is the *new you*. Ref: Colossians 2:13-14

2. YOU HAVE BEEN RECONCILED TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD Ref: 2nd Cor. 5:18-19

We are all in the same boat — we have all s_____ — and it is beyond impossible for us to redeem ourselves. It is beyond impossible for us to fix our fallen nature.

I can't escape who I am. I owe a debt I cannot pay. For this reason, Jesus took your place. Ref: Ephesians 2:8,9

His love knows no limit, and his mercy never ends. The Bible says that it is new every morning. [Lamentations 3:22-23]

In the past you may have been a fugitive from justice, a fugitive from the past, but in Christ you have been reconciled, through his sacrificial death on the cross. Ref: Ephesians 5:21

If you've ever said, "I'll never be good enough to make up for all the wrong I have done." God says, "I've paid that debt. You are in a right r_____ with me."

3. YOU PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE PURPOSE OF GOD Ref: 2nd Cor. 5:20

This is our w_____, our m_____, our m_____ — to let those around us know that God is ready to be in a right relationship with them, no matter what may have happened in the past.

This world is not our home, we're just passing through. Our citizenship is in heaven ... but while you are here, you are God's ambassador. You have been given a part to play in it.

That person that used to go by your name in the past is no longer there. In Christ, you have been made a n_____ c_____. Jesus called it being born again, being born from above.

It begins with knowing who you are: God's creation. God's friend. God's ambassador. God's very own.

This is your Real ID. May we learn to see ourselves as God sees us.