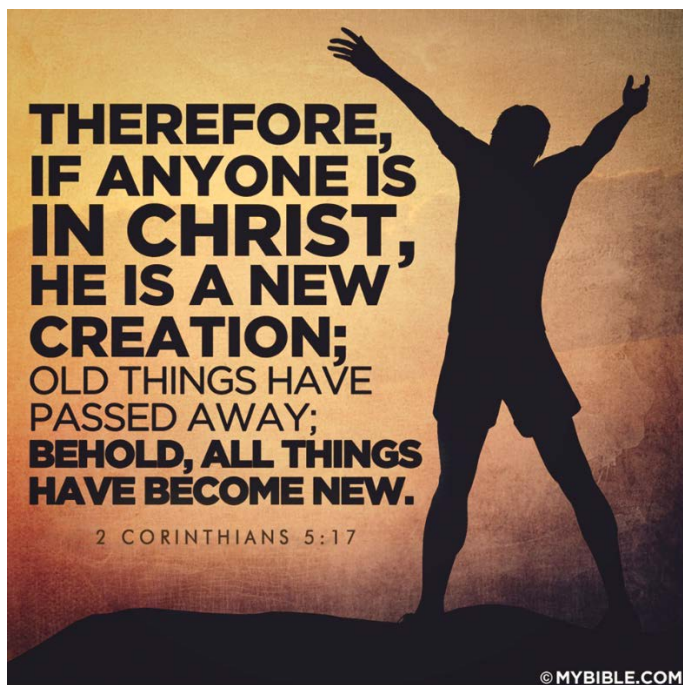


# Faith Alive Church

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**YOU MIGHT BE THINKING; THAT OTHER THAN A NEW YEAR; WHATS NEW? WELL, LET ME REMIND YOU, THAT IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN; YOU ARE!**

**You have been saved and changed into a *new person* BY believing in the Lord, Jesus Christ.** In Christ, you are a *new person* that *did not* exist before your *renew* birth.

*2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV says; <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

**The New Testament believer is *not just* living for the Lord, but it is actually the risen Christ, living through them, by the Holy Spirit.**

*Romans 8:11 says it this way; <sup>10</sup> Since Christ lives within you, even though your body will die because of sin, your spirit is alive\* because you have been made right with God. <sup>11</sup> The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives *in you*. And just as he raised Christ from the dead, he will *give life* to your mortal body by this same Spirit living *within you*.*

*IN Colossians 2:6-12 the Apostle Paul told believers in Colossi; concerning their new life in Christ:*

*6 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must *continue* to live in obedience to him.*

*7 Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will *grow* in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.*

*8 Don't let anyone lead you astray with empty philosophy and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the evil powers of this world, and not from Christ.*

*9 For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body,*

*10 and you are complete through your union with Christ. He is the Lord over every ruler and authority in the universe.*

*11 When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. It was a spiritual procedure—the *cutting away* of your sinful nature.*

*12 For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to a **new life** because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.*

**Because Christ dwells *within* all believers through the Holy Spirit, we should live in obedience to him.** The past event of *receiving* Christ should be apresent reality in the believers' *daily* lives. Remember that, when we receive Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are not just turning over a new leaf; *making* a fresh start, *resolving* to be a better person or *trying* our best to be good. The *new birth* means you are a *new person* inside and have begun a *new life* under a *new Master*.

**You have been *reborn* into the image of Christ in your spirit.** As far as God is concerned, *your* old past is gone and *you* have started a *new life* with Christ!