

A few months ago a tornado ripped through our county. Several homes that were in its path sustained much damage. Some of the homes were patched and restored, but others had to be torn down and completely rebuilt. Months later, beautiful, new homes are rising up where the twister left behind rubble.

We too have suffered the affects of a twister named Satan. He has blown through our lives for centuries leaving behind the rubble of strife, sin, and darkness. But Jesus came to destroy the works of the enemy (1 John 3:8) so that our lives could be made brand new. The Light of Christ comes into our hearts to dispel and drive out all the darkness. As His light shines within us, something begins to happen. Little by little, from faith to faith, and from glory to glory we are changed, we are made brand new. All the old things pass away and the new you begins to rise up. This new you is not an improved version of the old. It is BRAND NEW!

The word used in 2 Cor. 5:17 for new is the Greek word kianos and it means NEW; fresh, new, recently made, unprecedented, unworn, unused. This you has never been seen before. The new you is made in the likeness of Christ. The new you has been given power and authority over the

2 Corinthians
5:17 Whoever is
in Christ is a
new creation;
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away; behold
new things have
come.

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enemy. The new you is victorious, bold and full of faith. The new you believes that with God all things are possible. The new you is forgiven and redeemed. The new you is accepted, loved and completely right with God!

I believe that some of us need to have a coming out party! We need to stop trying to patch up the old and allow the Holy Spirit to begin to tear down the strongholds that prevent the new you from coming forth. (see 2 Cor. 10:3-5). There's a brand new you that God wants to bring forth to use for His glory to bring forth His Kingdom. Eye has not seen and ear has not yet heard what God has stored up and ready to bring forth. You are God's handiwork prepared to do good works (Eph. 2:10) so that the world will see the Light of Christ in you and glorify God in heaven. You are God's ambassador (2 Cor. 5:20) sent to bring the life of Christ to a dying world; to those still trying to make their way through the rubble of satan's destruction. Without the blue print of Christ, they will remain in a state of despair and darkness. Christ in you is the hope of God's glory (Col.1:27) to them to help them see and turn to Jesus so that their lives can also be changed and made new.

So if you have been struggling with wrong attitudes, bad behavior, doubt, fear, or negative thinking maybe you need a Holy Ghost bulldozer to come through and clear out the old so that new can come forth. I

pray that God will begin to shine the Light of His truth into your heart and your mind and show you the things that need to go. I pray that you will receive His grace to be empowered to let go of all that entangles you so that you can finish the race that God has called you to run (Heb.12:2). It is time for the NEW YOU to come forth; the you that God designed you to be before the foundations of the world. He desires for you to be all that He has called you to be and to fulfill His plans and purposes. He has a good plan for you (Jer.29;11) and it is time for the NEW YOU to rise up out of the rubble and be who God planned for you to be, in Christ. Old things have passed away; ALL THINGS ARE NEW and that includes YOU!

Blessings,
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