



DISCIPLESHIP



Lesson 2 A New You = A New Attitude

The Bible tells us that, when you give your life to God, you become like a new canvas to an artist's imagination or clay in a potter's hands (read Isaiah 64:8).

He wants to make something wonderfully good of your life!! Paul says in **2Corinthians 5:17** that *"If any man be in Christ he is a new creature"*, which literally means you are a "new work of His creation" (just like a piece of art that an artist continues to improve upon.) This is how *"...old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*



When you surrender your life to Christ (get "saved") many 'old things' pass away right away. Some others begin 'passing' but may take a little time and work (it's different with each one of us!) But the one thing that should be new in all of us is...well... read it for yourself (2Corinthians 5:14-15). That's right - new love for Jesus which compels us to live for Jesus! We now want to be and to do what our Lord wants of us!!

Read John 15:13. If Jesus showed the "greatest love" for us by "laying down" His life for us, then shouldn't we be willing to do the same for Him?! But that will require you to surrender to God, to let him be in charge. "Thy will be done" should be a ready part of your every prayer! It is a very important promise that is included in the Lord's Prayer. Read it now - then pray it out loud (Matthew 6:9-13.) Everything is right in those words: Praise, Honor, Humility, Surrender, and Hope. Remember to pray daily - use this prayer until you are ready to create your own!!



For every new believer, the best way to say to the whole world "I'm not yours anymore! I now belong to Jesus!" is to be baptized in water. Jesus did it! And he said it was to *"fulfill all righteousness"* [read Matthew 3:13-17] Today we call it 'The outward testimony of our inward experience'. A modern day translation of the Bible (called "The Messenger") says this in Romans chapter 6 *"When we are lowered into the water, it is like the **burial** of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the **resurrection** of Jesus...Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ...If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection!"*

Not only is baptism commanded in the scriptures (Mat 29:19:20 & Acts 2:38:39) but it will also encourage you to stand up to temptation and make the right choices. Try to do this soon (if you have not already), especially if you have recently gotten things 'straight' between you and Jesus! Arrange with your pastor or LBB leaders, then announce to all that this is now a new you with a new attitude!



Before your next meeting, learn 2Corinthians 5:17 so you can say it from memory. Also, learn the purpose of water baptism: "It is the outward testimony of our inward experience."