

**NEW - PART 2: NEW PERSON**

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**CORE TRUTH:**

As a follower of Jesus, you are transformed into a NEW PERSON!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) *"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a NEW person. The old life is gone; a NEW life has begun!"*

Mark 5:1-20: An encounter with Christ.

Three forces are at work:

1. SATAN'S goal is to DESTROY!
2. SOCIETY'S goal is to CONTAIN!
3. Our SAVIOR'S goal is to TRANSFORM!

God doesn't CAUSE the storms! He COMES THROUGH the storms!

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**SHARPEN THE POINT**

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*For further study of today's message*

**ENTRY POINT:** As a NEW CREATION, we are still **in** the world, but no longer **of** the world. Our sins are not *improved*, they are *removed!* However, we live in a sinful world, we continue to be exposed to, and tempted by, evil. So we must walk by our faith, not by sight!

**Begin your study by reading II Corinthians, Chapter 5.**

Satan is cunning! How has he used distraction, discouragement or doubt to try and destroy you?

How have God's promises helped you to fight back?

Most people have ideas about who God is and what He is supposed to do. How do you explain the difference between knowing *about* God vs. *knowing* Him?

How have you seen God's work of transformation in your own life or someone else's?

**We** will never be asked to forgive another more than God has forgiven us. How has God's grace, and your **newness**, changed your heart about forgiving others?

How have you specifically sought to be reconciled with God and others?

**"We** are Christ's ambassadors..." (II Corinthians 5:20). Do you freely share with others how God has brought you through the storms in your life, and give him the glory?

Is your life a testimony?

*"For God made Christ, who never sinned,  
to be the offering for our sin,  
so that we could be made right  
with God through Christ."*

II Corinthians 5:21