

LOVE REIGNS OVER YOUR PAST

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

I. The New Life Starts with _____.

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Mark 2:5-12 *"Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all."*

II. The New Life is the Result of _____.

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Genesis 2:25 *"And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."*

**When we come to Christ
we do not merely turn
over a new leaf;
we begin a new life.**

Jn 3:3, 6 *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... 'That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.'"*

2 Cor 3:18 (ESV) *"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image..."*

Philippians 2:13 *"For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."*

III. The New Life is the Reason for _____.

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(ESV) *"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."*

Reconciliation" To bring into _____.

Colossians 1:21-22 *"Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds expressed in your evil actions. But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him."*

IV. The New Life Presents You With a _____.

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