



Old Man/New Man

	New Man	Old Man
2 Corinthians 5:17	Saint	Sinner
1 Corinthians 1:2 & Romans 1:7	Accepted	Condemned
John 1:12 & Galatians 2:20	Beloved	Enemy
Ephesians 5:1-2 & Colossians 3:12	Free	In Chains
John 8:36 & Galatians 5:13	Son/Daughter	Orphan
1 John 3:1 & Romans 8:16-17	Holy Priest	Outcast
1 Peter 2:5 & 2:9		

An important truth to remember as a believer is who you really are now in Christ, and how God sees you. Your “Old Man” has died, and you are a “New Man.” 2 Corinthians 5:17 says “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold the new has come.”

Because you accepted Jesus, your identity is that of a saint, not a sinner. Now don't get the wrong idea. You will still sin because it is still in you, but it is no longer your master, your identity. We are called to be saints as Paul the apostle points out in Romans and Corinthians. You were condemned to an eternity in Hell, but now you are accepted by God through your faith in Jesus. You were an enemy of God but now you are His beloved child as Ephesians 5:1 says. You were in chains, bound up in your sin nature and now through Christ, you have been set free – John 8:36 says, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” You were an orphan, trying to figure out everything on your own, using your own resources, but now you are a son and an heir of the Most High God, the Creator with access to all the spiritual blessings in the heavenly places, all wisdom and an eternal inheritance. You were an outcast, never enough for others or yourself, but now through Christ, you are called to the Holy Priesthood. 1 Peter 2:5 says, “you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

So when the lies come up and start trying to talk to you, remember who you are now in Christ; remember that the old you is dead. Don't give it life. It has no power over you; it is dead. The only time it can have power is when you give it breath, when you pay



attention. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 teaches us how to handle these lies. It says, “For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ”

Questions to Ponder:

What other strategies from scripture have you learned to walk in your "New Man"?
In what ways has the Lord affirmed your new identity through prayer and study?

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For our sake, He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him, we might become the righteousness of God.*

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen race, a holy nation, a people of his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of the darkness and into his marvelous light.*