

## HAPPY NEW YEAR - A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST Kimo Hoopai, January 5, 2025

New in CHRIST never gets old in the KINGDOM. Our thinking needs to be transformed from the everyday life experiences to CHRISTLIKE THINKING ( do we invite CHRIST into our everyday life ).

**2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Notes : When we pledge our faith to Jesus Christ, we become brand-new people on the inside. The Holy Spirit gives us new life, and we are not the same people anymore. We are not reformed, rehabilitated, or reeducated – we are re-created, new creations living in vital union with Christ - At conversion we do not merely turn over a new leaf; we begin a new life under a new master. While each individual becomes a new person, Paul is implying that much more actually occurs. Not only are believers changed from within, but a whole new order of creative power begins with Christ. We have a new covenant, a new perspective, a new spirit, a new community. We are not experiencing a superficial change that will quickly fade away. We are able to see an entirely new order of all creation under Christ's authority. It requires a new way of looking at all people and all of creation. Does your life reflect this new perspective?

**Romans 6:8-9 NIV** 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

Notes : Consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin" means that each day we should regard our old, sinful nature as dead and unresponsive to sin. Because of our union and identification with Christ, we are no longer bound to carry out those old motives, desires, and goals. So let us consider ourselves to be what God has in fact made us. We have new life through oneness with Christ, and the Holy Spirit will help us become all that Christ has declared us to be.

**INVITE CHRIST IN EVERYDAY - The Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13 KJV** 9 . . . Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come . Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us no into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever and ever AMEN.

Notes: This is often called the Lord's Prayer because Jesus gave it to the disciples as a model for all his followers to use as we pray. Jesus provided this prayer as a pattern to be imitated as well as taught to others. We should praise God, pray for his work in the world, pray for our daily needs, pray for forgiveness, and pray for help in our daily struggles. You can use the words of the Lord's Prayer to guide your own prayer times. With each line you can add your own words of praise and your personal requests.

**Revelation 3:20 KJV** Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me.

Notes: Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts because he wants to save us and have fellowship with us. He patiently and persistently waits to get through to us – not breaking and entering, but knocking. He allows us to decide whether to open our lives to him and welcome him in. Do you intentionally keep his life-changing presence and power on the other side of the door?

**1 John 5:11-12 NIV** 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Notes: Whoever believes in God's Son has eternal life. In him we have all we need. We don't need to wait for eternal life because it begins the moment we believe. We don't need to work for it because it is already ours. We don't need to worry about it because God himself has given it to us and has guaranteed it.

**TRANSFORMATION - Galatians 2:20 NIV** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Notes: When we are crucified with Christ, it means that we agree to surrender to Jesus every dimension of our sinful lives – our goals, plans, ideas, and even relationships. We treat these things as though they died with Jesus on the cross. Then we live a life of surrender to the author of life. Because Jesus came back to life, he now lives in us by the Holy Spirit, filling up all the empty places that we have given to him, which all our old pursuits could not really fill. Our self-centered way of life ends, and our new Christ-centered way of life begins. This happens initially when we first believe in Jesus, but we must continually deny our sinful desires and “take up [our] cross daily.

**Romans 12:1-2 NIV** 1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Notes: God has good, pleasing, and perfect plans for his children. He wants us to be transformed people with renewed minds, living to honor and obey him and to serve others in the name of Jesus. Because he wants only what is best for us and because he gave his Son to make our new life possible, we should joyfully give ourselves as living sacrifices in his service.

**2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV** - And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Notes: The Holy Spirit's way of transformation works better and lasts longer than even Moses' glorious experience. With the freedom the Holy Spirit gives, our false beliefs and misconceptions fall away. We can clearly see what God wants and better reflect it to others. The Spirit works progressively in us to point out where we need to change. Step-bystep, he gives us insights on how to do it and empowers us with his love. Some change happens quickly, but God works in his own timing. The process may be slow in some areas, so never give up if you don't see the spiritual progress you desire. God will work it out.

**A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST, NEW PURPOSE, HIS NEW LIFE IN US,  
NEW HOPE, NEW ASSIGNMENT.**

**In closing : Repeat after me . I AM A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST,  
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