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Read Ephesians 4:17-24

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When I was newly saved and referred to something from my past, my mom said to me, "Your old man is dead." She was telling me that my old sinful life was dead and buried; it was gone. I was now reborn as a child of God with a new identity. The knowledge that my old life was dead was a liberating truth!

What a gift to have all your sins forgiven and washed away, to be freely pardoned without penalty. There was a penalty, but Jesus paid it for us. He died and rose again so we can be made righteous and have new life in Him.

Our part is to walk in that new life, that new identity as a child of God. We ought not dig up that stinking corpse and go back into that old sinful lifestyle, but are taught here to put it off and put on the new self which is created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

There are no excuses; God has empowered us to do so by His indwelling Spirit. It is a daily choice. Verse 24 TPT says this, "... *be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with him! ...*"

May we fully embrace our new identity in Christ as our new life and live in union with Him. May we turn our back on old sinful habits as we recognise that they are not part of who we are anymore; that the old man is dead and buried. May we have a revelation that we are brand new spiritual beings in Christ, created in true righteousness and holiness with the Spirit of God living inside of us.

Application

1. What is God saying to you through this passage?
2. Do you identify more with your old life before you were saved or your new life as a child of God?
3. Read and meditate on Romans 6:4 and Colossians 3:1-3 and apply it in your life.

Prayer

Father, we are so grateful for what Jesus did for us. Thank you for the free gift of salvation. Grant us revelation of our new identity as your children and help us turn from our old ways to live in newness of life every day, **in Jesus' name**. Amen.