

# New Life

Today I am choosing the path that leads to life through faith in Jesus. The life I am choosing is the rich and satisfying life Jesus came to give me on this earth and for eternity – a life of completeness and wholeness. I don't have to work for it or strive to clean up my life before making this decision. Rather I made the choice, inviting Jesus to take up residence in my life; and now I am forgiven, made whole and accepted by God the Father. He has adopted me as His own and given me the rights and privileges as His child.

Though the journey begins with believing in Jesus there is more: turning from sin, allowing Him to change the direction of my life, changing my lifestyle and my actions. Until now my sinful nature has kept me from God's design for my life; God set a standard, a mark for my life, when He created me in His image. I have missed His mark not only because of my nature but also through deliberate actions I have taken against God. Because of this I earned the penalty that comes with all sin: death and condemnation. But God, because of His love for me, has given me a way to escape this penalty through Jesus. While sin has been the path I chose to take in the past, it is not the path I choose for my future. Today I am choosing the path that leads to life through faith in Jesus.

There has never been anyone like Jesus. He chose to lay aside the privileges of deity to live on earth as a man. While on earth He did not cease to be God, but felt what it was like to be human. Ultimately, it was my sin that nailed Jesus to the cross; there He took my sin and its penalty on Himself. This shows how desperate my situation had become. Then He rose to life on the third day conquering sin and death. His life gives me new life. Now, regardless of my past I have right standing before God. He has placed the perfect righteousness of Jesus in my life and I am experiencing all the life Jesus came to give me. Even in moments when I don't feel it, it's true, because it is based on His Word.

My choice today has allowed God to transform me into a new creation, the creation He had in mind since the beginning of time. From this moment on this is the path I will take, the path that leads to life and blessing made possible for me through Jesus both now and for eternity. Today I am choosing the path that leads to life through faith in Jesus.

## Study: New Life

**Day 1:** Sinful Nature - *Romans 3:23* (Page 859); *Romans 6:23* (Page 861); *Psalms 51:5* (Page 436)

**Day 2:** Jesus Died for All - *Matthew 16:21* (Page 747); *Philippians 2:7-8* (Page 900); *Leviticus 17:11* (Page 93); *Isaiah 53:4-5* (Page 559)

**Day 3:** Life Through Jesus - *John 14:6* (Page 823); *Romans 5:6-8* (Page 860); *Isaiah 53:6* (Page 559)

**Day 4:** New Creation - *Mark 1:15* (Page 761); *2 Corinthians 5:17* (Page 884); *Isaiah 1:18* (Page 517); *Isaiah 55:6-7* (Page 560)

**Day 5:** Hope in Jesus - *Acts 13:38-39* (Page 842); *Romans 5:1-2* (Page 860); *Jeremiah 31:33* (Page 599)

**Day 6:** Children of God - *Luke 15:11-32* (Page 798); *Psalms 103:13* (Page 460)

**Day 7:** Read the *Daily Reading* once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

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

### Life Transformation Questions:

1. As you read the *Daily Reading*, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?