

New Life:

New in nature, different.



2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us; “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” We are new creations when we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Jesus didn’t die for us so that we can add Him to our existing life - He died that we could be reborn; to be new in nature - different! We were bought with the price of Christ’s life and our lives *should* be different than before accepting Him into our lives. Yet, too often those who call themselves Christians are really no different than those in the world. In fact, in today’s culture many “Christians” are doing everything they can to blend in with the world.

Brothers and sisters, this should not be so! We are to be *holy* - set apart - *different* that those in the world. And this should be evident in our marriages. Yet, studies show that Christians divorce as much as non-Christians, spousal abuse occurs as much in Christian homes as in non-Christian homes; the statistics go on and on - child abuse, pornography, drug and alcohol abuse, gambling, marriage and family dysfunction. Why would the world want what we have when we no different than they are?

So, the question is; do you exhibit a new life to your spouse? Your children? Family? Those you come in contact with? A nation-wide, in-depth study found that 95% of people do not want a marriage like their parent’s marriage. Is your marriage part of that statistic? Or is it one of the 5%? If you call yourself a Christian, you must live life differently - every aspect of your life should be different than that of those in the world - especially your marriage! Is your marriage a relationship of love (giving of yourself), honor, respect, working together? Surrender your life and your marriage to the Lord and be new in nature, different. May *your* marriage be a testimony of God’s love and the new life He has given you.

Helpful Resources: *Fortified Marriages Resource page:* www.fortifiedmarriages.com

Article to Check Out:

God's Presence in Your Marriage by Gary Thomas - www.focusonthefamily.com

Book to Check Out:

Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas