

## What's Next, Now I'm A New Creature

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new". Father, I thank you for making me new, for making all things new. "I looked at my hands, and they were new. I looked at my feet, and they did too." It is more than just a saying; it certainly is not cliché, it is the truth. I know, and even at times, I am reminded of the feeling I felt when I first stepped into the "troubled water" as the old saints would describe it, that phrase deriving from John 5:1.

And even with all these happy, peaceful feelings and memories of what God has done for us in making us new, there is the enemy, sowing doubt and discouragement. "What makes you think that you can be saved?" "What are you going to do?" "You really don't want to do this anymore?" These are the seeds that the enemy plants. In addition to that are the battles we have fought knowingly or unknowingly before we accepted Christ and became a new creature. Generational battles:

"How can you be saved and your family is not saved?" I'm thankful for the time we live in now to be able to read the word, Philippians 3:13 "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. The Oxford Languages definition of forget says: to inadvertently neglect to do, bring, or mention something; put out of one's mind; cease to think of or consider.

Forget also means "to fail to remember". For many years, I had only thought about that; it was not until I read and thought more about verse 13 that the Spirit let me know that Paul didn't forget; he just refused to let his past distract him from his future. What is next? A

renewed mind. Yes, the hand is still that same hand we had before we were saved, and yes, that foot is still the same foot we had before we were saved. But the mind MUST change daily. And if nothing else, we MUST embrace our Purpose. 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain". We must press forward, and in the words of the Apostle Paul in

Philippians 3:14, "but I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."