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2 Corinthians 5:17-1:6 KJVS

If any man be in Christ, he is new creature: a new heaven and a new earth, a new world. The verse says old things are passed away and behold all things have become new. What does this mean? This means we are a new world, nevertheless we live in two worlds. We belong to one world but we live in two worlds. Old things are passed away means the old life of sin is passed away. This means we belong completely to a new world with new realities. Old things are passed away is what the scriptures says. What does this mean? The necessary has passed away and that which must pass for us to continue enjoying this new world passes away.

*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
Colossians 1:13 KJVS*

This verse shows the event that answers to the fact, that in being in Christ, we are a new creature. The whole visible world that we are in dwells in wickedness, under the power of an evil government. It is a cosmos possessed by the devil. However, He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us to thee power of His dear son. It is a necessary beginning. If you believe in Christ, He breaks thee hold of the power of darkness. Satan and have lost access and the battle in our lives. It was a necessary beginning and there it began. This is why you must lift your eye and understand aspects regarding the kingdom you are in, so you do not set up a battle and fight in a battle that has already been won. Our deliverance from him rendered satan naked and we clothed with the glory of God. Hence, when we resist Him, He flees. The first fact is that if any man be in Christ, He is a new world with new influences all together. Old things have passed away. A new life has begun. We are carried away from the domain of hate and wickedness, of diverse conflicting experiences, out of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. We are in a sphere of total love. It is the world we belong to another.

[20] For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

[21] Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Philippians 3:20-21 KJVS

God does not plan in a reactionary way. Before you were born into this new life, all we needed to be successful was given to us. Blessed be God who daily releases benefits to us. We were told by Jesus to pray, "Our father who art in heaven ... give us this day our daily bread". This shows of a relationship we have between us and the Lord in matters of His supply. If he has promised to change our vile body, then he will also save us from that which will bring us to terminal sickness which leads us death. Therefore sickness is not from God nor our portion. He said "I will not put upon you, the sickness of the Egyptians". There is no condition that He cannot subdue. There is nothing of that world that will be able to undermine God's salvation plan for us.

2 Corinthians 5:18 shows that all things which have been made new are of God. So you see a man who is supposed to be a new creature, but he is experiencing both sides of the equation. He finds himself in the middle. This is the challenge of the believers life, who is so conscious of his physical existence. He sees the things that govern the cosmos and he relates to it. There is a conflict. He knows he is not being where he should be, but in the same he is not a captive of the other world. Hence David would say, in Psalm 61:2-4, David said "when (not if) my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I". This rock speaks of Jesus, prophetically. The rock that is higher than I in any material conflict is that knowledge of Christ. Thereafter, I will not need the conflict to provoke my need for the knowledge of God, but I seek that mind is constantly renewed to live in a state of victory. For this reason, we do not fight battles that are already one, we celebrate them. What God does for you, he wants to do through you. This is a continuation of what God does.

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2 Corinthians 5:18-20 KJVS

All we like sheep (speaking of believers) have gone astray, but the Lord places upon Christ the iniquity of them all (Isaiah 53:6). How? The Lord intercedes for us. The shepherd will not let us go. He pays the price for it. He pulls us back and pays the price via intercession. There is a price to pay. This is season 1 for season 2. Season 2 is ministry. Hence, the Lord saw the adulterous woman and had labored earlier for her in the place of intercession and obtained redemption for her, so he could minister to her saying, Go and sin no more.

There is no conflict respecting a child of God that God had not made provision afore. God was in Christ reconciling the World to himself. God is in us, now, doing the same. Paul says we are ambassadors of God. This means that we are the workers for His interest. He uses us to reconcile the world to Himself. We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. [2] (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

This said, Jesus, as the son for God, is the divine servant. As the son of Man, He is speaking to us via His word saying "I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation". This means there is a preparation for the change God wants for us. The time accepted was the Jubilee. He brought us to the time of Jubilee, saying that regardless of difficulties, all shall go to to his own possession, being made free. Luke 4:19, Isaiah 61:1. The Jubilee started when Jesus began His ministry and it will continue till we are perfected. Receiving he grace of God in vain means we hear the message, speak it, even shout it, but are deficient in its expression. There is grace to not take the Word of God vain. If God says He will do a thing, He will do it and we will go for it until it is done.

The accepted time speaks of the jubilee. It also speaks of the well received and growth experience. People often do not realize that they have a part to play in the jubilee. What is the part to play? God makes a provision and God ensures it comes to pass, but we must open our mouth and confess these for our salvation. We must pursue it, because it is not a testament of worship and praise to God when we do not experience what He has said. There is grace for service, but our case should not be like Elisha, who had anointing for healing in his bones yet died of illness.

The critical thing in this hour is that our minds be illuminated to know what of belongs to us. We must live in the good of what God has given us. Hence, mental enlightenment is needed. There is a band pf people with praise, prayer and light, who will bring the Kingdom down with Power. This is because they press on to the fullness of God's promise. It is sweet to their taste, that Jesus rules over them. Ephesians 4:22-26 then tells us to put off the old man. It encourages us to renew our mind by the light of God's word. Do not speak little of yourself, accept/ assume your identity as a new man. Solomon fought no battles. As speaking to us, it said "we are more than conquerors". Accept this reality. You are created in righteousness and true holiness.