

October 7 | Sunday

Welcome to a New World

Read [2 Corinthians 3:13-18](#) / [Psalm 1](#)



08 | Mon – A new creation | Read [2 Corinthians 5:17-19](#)

Jesus came - not just to teach the right way to live or heal a few hundred people or send out disciples to continue his work - but to make people new. It's called re-creation. Humans were initially made in the image of God but because of rebellion, they are now born with a damaged reflection of that image. Jesus gave himself so the sin barrier could be torn down and he could offer us a right relationship with God. When you truly believe and act on that, life radically changes. Have you experienced the re-creating power of the Holy Spirit?

09 | Tue – A new heart | Read [Matthew 15:1-9, 17-20](#) / [Galatians 4:4-7](#)

Jesus used the prophet Isaiah's words to describe some of the religious people of his day as hardhearted. A hard heart produces harshness; it can neither give nor receive love. And it takes a miracle to change that kind of heart. Read how Paul, who experienced this miracle, described how this change happens. Is it time for your own heart checkup? (Ps. 51:10)

10 | Wed – A new way of thinking | Read [Ephesians 4:17-24](#)

God gave you an amazing mind that can find information, make inferences, draw conclusions, and settle on what you believe. But have you ever unquestioningly accepted another person's opinion without stopping to considering what God might think about an issue? While God's thoughts are not like ours but he does reveal some of his thinking in scripture and through Jesus' words. Willing to investigate those more closely? It's well worth your time.

11 | Thu – A new way of living | Read [Ephesians 4:24-32](#)

Any parent who wants their child to make good choices has to model those values. Have you heard the old proverb *"I can't hear what you're saying; your actions are drowning out your words"*? Do you know someone whose words don't match their life? It is hard to take them seriously. But this applies to Christ-followers as well. Read Eph. 4 for a practical description you can use to evaluate your own life. Are you brave enough to do so?

12 | Fri – A new purpose | Read [2 Corinthians 5:18-20](#)

Have you experienced reconciliation in any of your personal relationships? If so, you know the joy and amazing freedom it brings back into the relationship. Jesus' death and resurrection offers us reconciliation with God. If you have received that gift, will you keep it all to yourself? You probably know someone who does not believe God is good, because life has wounded them, and therefore God is not to be trusted. Are you willing to gently challenge, with love and compassion, that erroneous belief?

13 | Sat – A new way to worship | Read [Matthew 18:20](#)

True worship begins in the heart and grows when it comes out of your mouth. Of course you can worship alone and Jesus will meet you there, but more power and greater strength come from worshipping the Lord alongside others who love him too. If corporate worship isn't working for you, you might want to check out the circumstances surrounding Paul and Silas' worship experience in Acts 16:23-26 and maybe take a deeper look inside?