

**July 15, 2007**

**Sermon: "Metamorphosis of a Spiritual Nature"**

**Scripture: II Corinthians 5:17-21**

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Introduction**

- Metamorphosis of a caterpillar
- When we become God's, the old is over, He makes all things new.
- How can we truly change? (II Corinthians 5:17)
  1. If we are *in Christ*; we are in a relationship.
  2. We are a *new creation*; we are radically changed.
  3. Two life changing events take place:

**I. The old self is GONE**

- Don't you wish you could get rid of some things in your past and present life?
- When Jesus comes into your life, he want to change things for the better.
- All Jesus wants is you life and the permission to build a new one.
- Colossians 2:6-7
- We now have a new Master - the old one is gone.

**II. Every aspect of your life is Brand New.**

- This is the new and improved you.
- God works from the inside out to Re-Create.
- This is all made possible through *God's Reconciliation*.
- II Corinthians 5:18a; 21
- Christ took on what we are in order that we might become what He is.
- In order for you to experience this transformation you'll need to do three things:
  1. Admit that you cannot make that change on your own.
  2. Ask for Christ to come and seal that relationship.
  3. Allow God to have every area of your life - "Lordship"
- Ephesians 2:13-18, 19-22

**Conclusion**

- "Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
- Is this true in your life?