

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man be in Christ (WHERE WE ARE – our position in Christ, sharing His life and nature through a living and dynamic union with Him – Gal. 2:20) he is a new creature (WHAT WE ARE - a new and fantastic creation of God because we now possess new life, a new nature, new drives, and a new determination to live a holy life – Eph. 2:10): old things are passed away (WHAT WE WERE - we have been severed from our past position in Adam, the old man position, and slavery to sin with all of its dominating and empowering effects in our old way of life – Rom. 6:6; Gal. 5:24); behold, all things are become new” (WHAT WE BECAME – positionally, we were brought into a living union with Christ with newfound spiritual blessings of freedom, liberty, victory, a new nature, and new desires, which we now possess as a result of our new position and life in Christ – Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:24 – “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” – but practically we must apply this position over our entire life = progressive sanctification).