

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) - This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

New life in Christ is not about behavioural modification, it's total transformation.

Isaiah 43:25 (NLT) - "I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.

**Study notes:**

1. How long have you been a Christian for? Have you ever felt that, no matter how hard you try, you do not notice any growth or change in your life? Often, our desire for success and status in our workplace, home, and general areas of life seeps into our understanding and relationship with God. We begin to believe that...

A) We need to earn God's favour through doing the 'right' thing.

B) To do so means we need to get rid of the bad behaviours and habits in our life.

But these behaviours and habits have deeper roots in our lives, meaning to truly remove them, you don't modify the behaviour, you change the heart.

2. When you feel you've failed God, or messed up, how do you approach God? Are you afraid that He will reject you, or is there something else going on? God's true response can be found in Isaiah 43:25 "I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again."

3. How differently do you think your life would look if you embraced God's love without any fear? What's currently getting in the way of you doing so?