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## > *2 Corinthians 5:17* <

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation:  
the old has gone, the new has come!

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Metamorphosis. It's a biological process by which an animal physically develops after birth or hatching, involving a conspicuous and relatively abrupt change. Paul was familiar with metamorphosis, not in a scientific way but through a spiritual change. In fact most of Christianity's major figures throughout history had some type of spiritual metamorphosis happen in their lives. Some of these like Paul, St. Augustine and C.S. Lewis had dramatic conversion experiences to the faith. Others like the disciple Peter, Martin Luther, and Billy Graham had much more subtle conversions.

When we decide to follow the way of Christ, there's a metamorphosis that occurs in our life. It's like a caterpillar that forms a cocoon and emerges as a butterfly. The amazing part of the story is that our metamorphosis isn't a surprise to God. We're just living into the promise of who God made us to be from the beginning. Remember the caterpillar? He was supposed to be a butterfly the entire time. He just had to grow into what God intended for him.

We're the same. God wants each of us to grow closer to Him. We will look, talk, act, and think differently than we once did. At the end of the day we're not genetically becoming a completely different person, we're simply growing into the full incarnation of who God made us to become all along. How is God renewing and recreating faith in you?

### **Go and Do**

In school you have probably spent time drawing or at least studying the metamorphosis of a butterfly. Today begin a chart of your faith metamorphosis. On a sheet of paper or in your journal draw a timeline that begins with your first memories of your faith. Maybe VBS, Sunday school, or a prayer at dinner. Then begin to track each significant faith experience you've had. Leave plenty of blank pages after your last point on the timeline, as God continues to work in you.

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