

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

## *Belong – Become – Begun* *2 Corinthians 5:17*

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

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### **Belong**

Children belong to parents

John 1:10-13 – He came into the very world He created, but the world didn't recognize Him. He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him. But to **all who believed Him and accepted Him**, He gave the right to **become children of God**. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

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### **Become**

Become is an action

A process of transformation

Peacock Butterfly

When Jesus came so that we can be transformed

He wasn't content with where we were, He knew there was more

People were transformed from meeting Jesus

Peter – Luke 5:8 "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." Jesus tells him that he has enormous potential if he will follow.

Jesus wants to transform us to make us become new

These disciples of His were transformed from everyday people to people who shaped the world

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*The tricky part*

**Leave** the old behind!!!

You can't fully become new if you are holding onto the old

Galatians 5:24 - Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

Sinful nature – ANYTHING that is not one with who Christ is

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Holding onto the old when Christ has called you to become new is against Him

Rich man – Mark 10

This person was good,  
He obeyed the commandments,  
Asked to sell his possessions,  
Could not part with them,  
Unwilling to become new because he held onto the old

Disciples when Jesus was taken away:

Fled when He was arrested  
Hid in locked rooms after his death  
Went back to fishing because he was gone

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Will you return to the old when life gets hard?

it is so easy to pick up the old out of fear, doubt,  
trouble, circumstances, offences, hurts....

But remember the old is supposed to be GONE, nailed  
to the cross never to be picked up again

Remember the old is GONE, LEAVE it there!

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### **Begun**

It has started!

The disciples had started to pick up the old again when  
Jesus returned to them and gave them their peace,  
restoration & assignment.

Jesus wasn't done on the cross

He was setting up the ultimate transformation process  
for us to have new life

He was releasing the Holy Spirit to come and fill those  
who belong to him

Disciples became more than they had ever been, with  
the power of the Holy Spirit they started to transform  
the world.

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This is exciting the New is here, it is for us, it has  
started!

Leave the old behind and embrace the NEW!