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A New Life?

I have had people tell me that if they could just leave behind their present bad situations and move far away to another state they would then be able to start a **new life** — everything would be different. The problem is that they would take with them all of their old habits and character flaws. If a person is bound by alcohol, drugs, or sexual lusts, it doesn't really matter where he moves his new setting will be affected by those evil bondages. His need is **not a new location**, but a **new life!**

A woman caught in the act of adultery was brought to Jesus by hypocritical religious leaders. They pointed out that Moses' law required she be stoned to death and they asked what Jesus had to say. Jesus responded, "He that is without sin among you let him first cast a stone at her." Her accusers, aware of their own sins, quietly slipped away. Jesus asked, "Hath no man condemned thee?" She answered "No man, Lord." He responded, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more" (John 8:3-10). This was true to His purpose, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but **that the world through him might be saved**" (John 3:17). Jesus forgave her sin and **gave her a new life** with an exciting new future as we see in His next words, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

God promises, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you..." (Ezekiel 36:26). Christ alone gives **new life!** "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new**" (II Cor. 5:17). You can "walk in **newness of life**" (Romans 6:4)! Ask Jesus now to forgive your sins and give you a **new life!**

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