

Remodeling

Read: Galatians 5:13-26

II Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

Wilbur and I are involved in a wonderful project of remodeling an old house. I am sure it is over one hundred years old. On the outside, the house looks great. It has a new roof, new siding, and new windows. Inside reveals another story. We have decided to replace the heating system, replace ceilings and walls, remove some walls, add some walls, add new cabinets, floors, closets, etc. A new heating system means no more worrying about getting parts for an outdated furnace. New ceiling and walls means no more worrying about plaster falling. New cabinets and closets mean more storage space. New floors mean nice, smooth, even floors. As we walked through the house, taking measurements and planning what we wanted to do, we not only saw what the current condition of the house is, but the potential of what it could be. We know a lot of long, hard working hours will be required to make the house what we envision it to be. We have already spent two days removing a wall between the living room and a three-foot wide hall. With the wall gone, we have increased the size of the living room and eliminated a lot of wasted space.

When we become Christians, our lives are somewhat like that house. There are things that need to be removed and replaced: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy (Colossians 3:8); and things that need to be added: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Galatians 5:22-23). Christ sees us not as we are with our sins, but the potential of what we can be as a child of God, a new creation in Him. Are you all you can be as a Christian? Are there things in your life that need to be removed, replaced or added?



Old



New