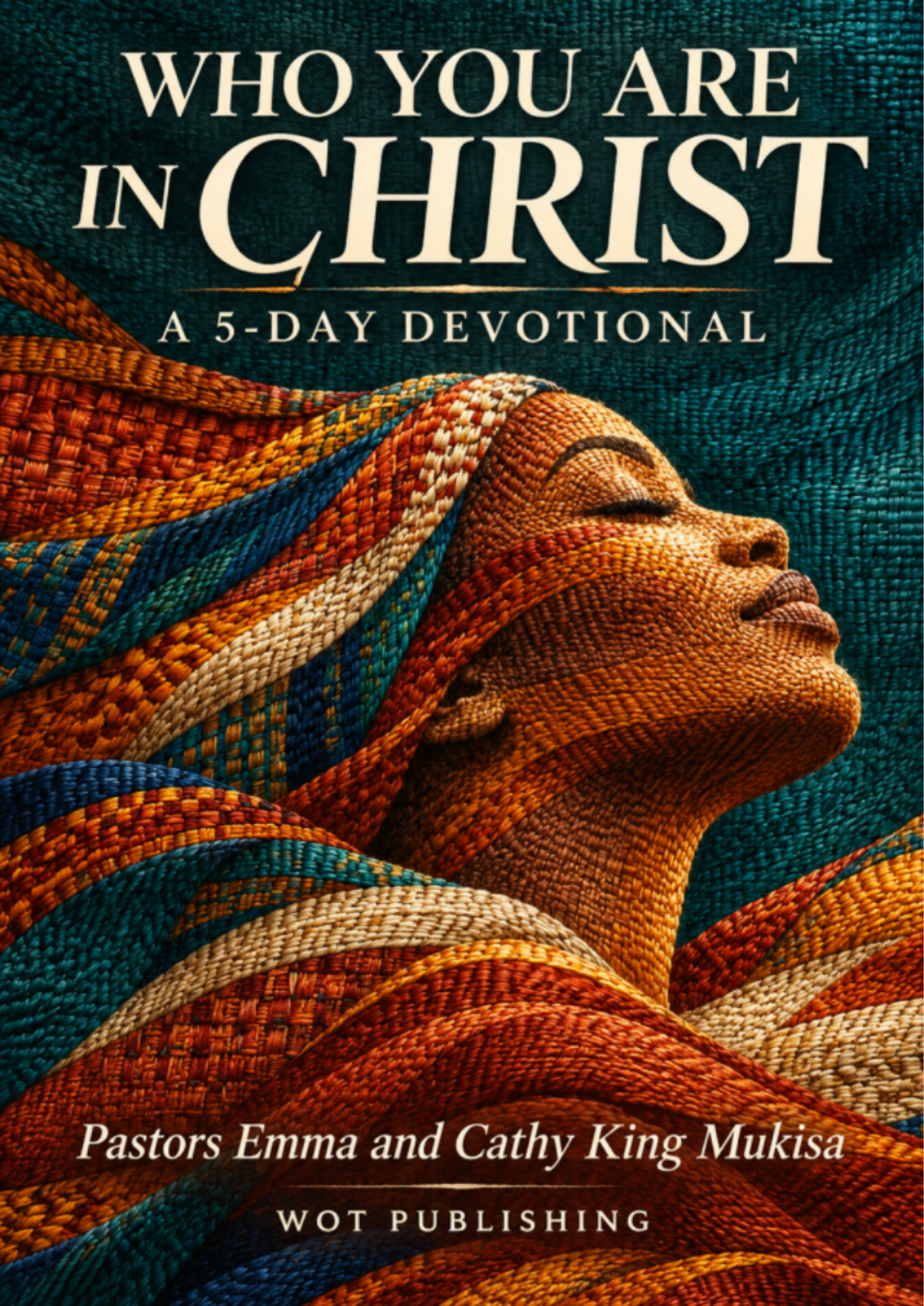
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A 5-DAY DEVOTIONAL



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Introduction

Beloved, in Christ you are a new creation. The Father has called you His child, given you the gift of righteousness and made you an heir together with Christ. These are present realities. Begin with what God has done, and let His Word give direction to the way you think, speak and live.

Your identity in Christ is who you are through the new birth and your union with Him. Paul declares that the person in Christ is a new creation and that we are made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:17, 21). The Father's work gives you a sound place from which to respond to His Word. You can learn, receive correction and fulfil your responsibilities with confidence in Him.

These five readings follow that order. You will consider the new creation, righteousness, your place in the Father's family, His workmanship and the conduct that expresses this life. Give attention to what each passage reveals about you in Christ.

Read and Respond to the Word

Take one reading each day, with your Bible open. Read the key verse and the passages listed beneath it. Consider the teaching, speak the confession with understanding and answer the reflection honestly. Pray to the Father in the Name of the Lord Jesus, then carry out the practical response. Read the further-study passage in its setting.

Two short Greek word studies near the end explain new creation and workmanship. Use them alongside Days 1 and 4 when you want to examine those expressions more closely. When you have completed the five days, Continuing in the Word will help you review your response and carry these truths into your daily life.

DAY ONE

A New Creation Now

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:24

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away and the new has come. This is not a title you must earn through improved performance; it is the reality of the person born of God. The Greek expression in 2 Corinthians 5:17 includes *kainē ktisis* (καινὴ κτίσις), "new creation". Paul locates this reality in Christ: if anyone is in Him, the old has passed and the new has come. Notice that he is declaring what God has done, not presenting a reward for completing a programme. The believer renews the mind and learns to express the life already received. Let this truth govern the names by which you describe yourself.

Your mind can be renewed to recognise and express what is already true in your spirit. When an old label returns, answer it with the Word. Begin with what God has done in Christ, then let your choices agree with that truth.

CONFESSION

I am a new creation in Christ. The old has passed away and the new has come.

REFLECTION

What old label have I continued to use for myself?

PRAYER

Father, thank You that I am a new creation in Christ. In the Name of the Lord Jesus, amen.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 aloud and write a confession grounded in it.

FURTHER STUDY

Romans 6:4