

## The New Has Come



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

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

As the school year gets underway, there is a hopeful enthusiasm about 'what could be'. Over the summer, the children have grown and matured. Have they come into the new year as a new creation? Have the old habits and little quirks been outgrown? You know what the former teacher shared with you. What will you encounter? When God created the world and everything in it, He saw that it was good. His plans for man to live in harmony with Him and within His Will had begun. Then the humans fell into sin. The ugly shows up in the human heart and mind.

Our students will grow comfortable with the expectations set before them. The rule testing and challenges will come. Consequences follow. The way children are ministered to will create the environment with Jesus at the center. The wonderful truth of God's plan however, does not end with misery and despair. God saw our need for a Savior and delivered the very precious blood of His Son, while we were yet far away from Him. He saved us by His grace through His Son's death and resurrection. God sees us as redeemed children. Let us see our students as those also redeemed children of God.

The old has gone. Jesus is the Bringer of the New. We are 'in Him' through Baptism. 'New' is a Gospel word. Every day, we offer the new as we bring Jesus and His forgiveness to students, families, and faculty.

Serving the Master Teacher,

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### **Discussion Questions-**

1. With whom can you share the news of Jesus' redeeming love?
2. What is a random act of kindness that you can do to show Jesus' love?