

一切都是新的了

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——哥林多后书 5:17

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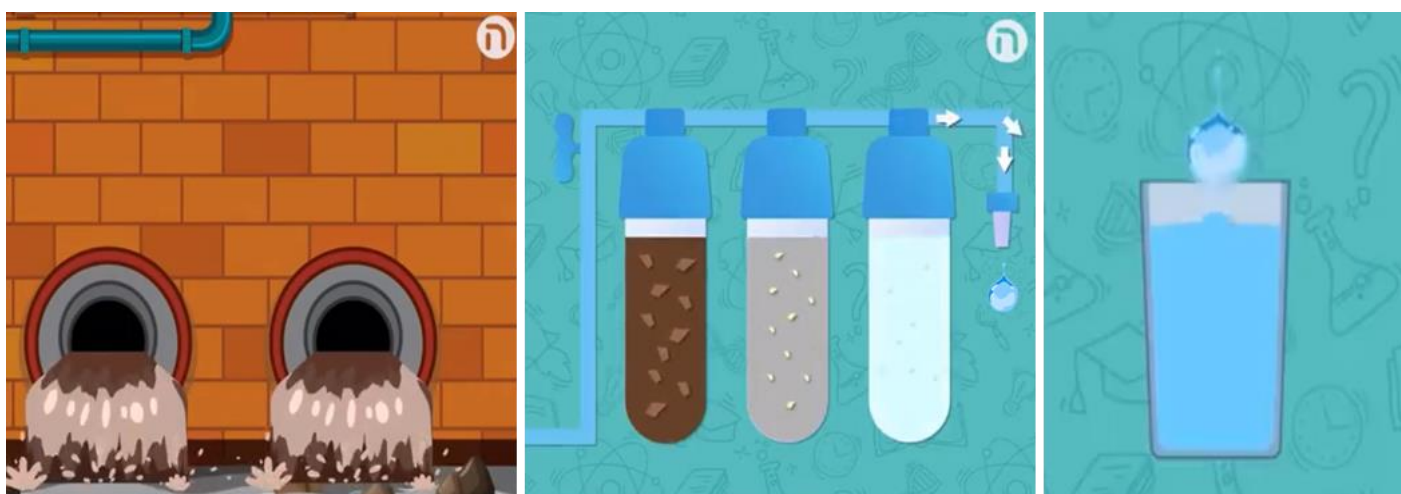
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嗨，孩子们！你能猜出这是什么吗？如果你的回答是“这是从下水道里流出来的水”，你就答对了！如果你将其中的一些水倒入玻璃杯里，你会看到这样恶心的一幕——水里漂浮着棕色的不明物。🤢🤢呃—呃—！但是如果我们过滤掉这些漂浮物，然后再倒进煲里煮沸，那现在这水能变得可以安全饮用了吗？还是不可以，它看起来仍然很恶心🤢🤢！



但神奇的是，新加坡的科学家和工程师实际上已经找到了一种方法，可以使污水变得足够干净以供饮用。为了达到这个目的，污水要通过特殊的过滤器来捕捉污垢。这种过滤器非常先进，可以除掉每一点污垢。然后，再使用特殊的紫外线对过滤后的水进行消毒，杀死所有残留的细菌和病毒。现在，请看它是如此清澈干净，你可以直接从水龙头中接水饮用，转变是如此惊人🤩🤩！除非你亲眼见到发生了什么，否则你很难相信它曾经是那么肮脏的污水。



孩子们，转化肮脏的污水变成干净的饮用水是如此的奇妙，但转化一个人的心更神奇！今天的圣经课程就是关于一个内心发生改变的人，这个人就是扫罗。当我们在《使徒行传》中第一次见到扫罗时，你是不会想和他打交道的，尤其是如果你是基督徒的话。因为，扫罗憎恨任何相信耶稣的人。他非常厌恶耶稣的追随者，以至于他想要逮捕和惩罚耶路撒冷的所有基督徒。



扫罗太可恶了，他甚至也想要逮捕更远地方的基督徒。使徒行传第 9 章告诉我们，扫罗到大祭司那里要求书信文件，使他有权在大马士革城逮捕基督徒。就在扫罗去大马士革的路上时，发生了以下这一幕：忽然有一道从天而来的无比耀眼的亮光四面照着他。扫罗被吓到了，扑倒在地上。然后，他听到一个声音在说：“扫罗，扫罗，你为什么逼迫我？”扫罗问：“主啊，你是谁？”想象一下，当那个声音回答说“我就是你所逼迫的耶稣”时，扫罗会是多么震惊！哇，他所不相信和憎恨的耶稣却是这么真实且还活生生的。在他愤怒的一生中，扫罗第一次亲眼见到了我们慈爱的救主。

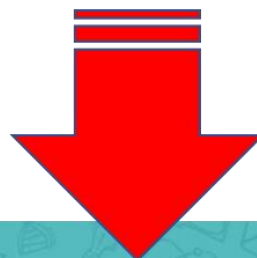


扫罗起来睁开眼睛时，却不能看见。他的一个同伴不得不拉着他的手一路去到大马士革。到那里后，一个属神的基督徒按手在扫罗身上，为他祷告。刹那间，扫罗的眼中掉落了鳞片之类的东西，他又能看见了！比这更奇妙的是，扫罗的心，曾经如此愤怒的心，现在充满了喜乐。他亲眼看见他所听到的关于我们主耶稣的一切都是真实的，他现在相信耶稣是神的儿子。从原先追捕基督徒、逮捕基督徒的扫罗，到这一刻，扫罗开始告诉别人耶稣的好消息和耶稣所做的一切！起初，其他信徒对扫罗仍然感到害怕和不确定，这变化是真的吗？但是当他们看到他是如此大胆地传讲耶稣时，他们接受了扫罗已经是个完全不同的人了，不再是过去逼迫他们的那个扫罗了，就好像他已变成了一个新人一样。



后来，保罗在哥林多后书 5:17 中写道：“因此，若有人在基督里，他就是新造的人，旧事已过，一切都变成新的了。”从扫罗——基督的敌人，变成了保罗——耶稣的捍卫者；从如此憎恨耶稣，他变成了一个完全爱耶稣的人。事实上，保罗成为基督的大能传道者和教师，并撰写了新约中的许多书卷。多么惊人的转变！

让我们再来回顾今天的经文，看看它对于我们意味着什么，“因此，若有人在基督里，他就是新造的人，旧事已过，一切都变成新的了。”任何相信耶稣的人都会成为新造的人。当我们相信耶稣时，祂的宝血洗净了我们所有的罪，使我们从罪恶的思想方式和生活方式的困境中得释放，使我们一切都变成新的了。耶稣从内到外改变了我们，祂的爱充满了我们，就像后来成为保罗的扫罗一样，我们也得以从心改变——悲伤和破碎的心不仅得到了修复，而且焕然一新；刻薄而自私的心变得懂得关怀和分享；被困在坏习惯中的人得到解脱！当我们相信耶稣时，我们不只是从我们的罪中得救；当我们相信耶稣时，我们就会一切都变成新的了。如此焕然一新，使我们我们摆脱了旧有的行为做法，且拥有能力成为神让我们成为的佼佼者。赞美耶稣！



接下来，我们来分享一个见证，就是我们主日学的一位男孩，他也经历了惊人的转变。这个男孩曾经是个大恶霸。他经常把他的同学推来推去，对他们说不客气的话和坏话，有时他甚至会打架。没有人喜欢他，也没有人想成为他的朋友。难怪他常常感到孤单和很伤心。



一个星期天，一位主日学的老师注意到了他并开始与他交谈。老师和他一起祈祷并鼓励他继续来参加主日学。他也这样做了。一周又一周，他一直在聆听关于耶稣如何爱他以及耶稣如何在十字架上除去他的罪的好消息。他的行为仍然不完美，但他知道耶稣爱他，即使他失败了也原谅了他。



有一天，这个男孩告诉了这位主日学老师他心中所有的挣扎，以及他是如何想接受耶稣进入他的心里面。老师和他一起祷告，他相信耶稣已经一次性且彻底地洗净了他所有的罪孽和过失。从那天起，他就成了一个起了变化的男孩。他的内心发生了改变，随之而来的是他的行为开始表现出很大的进步。一周又一周，他的进步如此之大，以至于他的老师表扬了他，同学们也和他成为了朋友。男孩的母亲非常惊讶，她告诉了他的主日学老师。男孩的父亲对男孩的转变也是十分赞叹，以至于他也想接受和相信耶稣作为他的救主。哇！今天，这个男孩不再是一个令人讨厌的恶霸，他是个属耶稣的孩子，成为了他身边的人的祝福！哈利路亚！



孩子们，我们今天听到了多棒的好消息啊！我们了解到当我们拥有耶稣时，我们会由内而外地改变。当你相信耶稣的那一刻，你所有的罪都被赦免了，你成为了一个新造的人，旧事已过，一切都变成了新的。最棒的消息是，你不必凭着自己的能力去努力成为这个全新而不同的自己，因为你的改变与你的努力无关。如果我们有能力自己做到改变自己，我们很久以前就会这样做了。就是因为我们自己没有这个能力改变自己，所以这就是为什么我们的内心和生命都需要耶稣。当你相信耶稣并邀请祂成为你的主和救主时，祂的爱充满了你的心，使你得着爱和喜乐，你会从内到外改变，你所不喜欢的自己的所有坏习惯和行为都会消失。



人们会不会说你总是那么笨拙或健忘？也许人们会说你很懒惰或者说你一无是处之类的话。下一次有人对你说，“你为什么总是这么淘气？”或者“你为什么总是那么容易发脾气？”这类的话时，不要只是站在那里感到悲伤和无助，即使他们说的事实，你不必再做那个旧孩子了，你是一个新造的人。给你带来麻烦的旧行为已经过去了，旧的思维方式和说话方式也一去不复返了，一切都是新的了，请宣告说：“我是属耶稣的孩子，我不再是原来的那个旧我！旧事已过，我是在基督里属于神的义人。”让我们相信圣经所说的话，让我们良善慈爱的神从内到外改变我们。所以当人们看到我们的不同并问：“哇！是什么改变了你？”我们可以微笑着对他们说：“是耶稣，祂创造了全新的我！”所有孩子们一起说：“阿们。”

孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿们。”

ALL THINGS MADE NEW

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ----2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV

Hey Rock Kidz, can you guess what this is? If you said “water coming out of the drain”, you’re right! If you scooped some of this water into a drinking glass, it would look like this. Nasty looking with suspicious brown bits floating about. Ew! But what if we sieved it? Would this water be safe to drink? How about if we did this? No, it would still be very yucky!

But guess what? Scientists and engineers in Singapore have actually found a way to make dirty water clean enough to drink. To do this, dirty water is passed through special filters to catch the dirt. The filters are so advanced that every single bit of dirt is removed. Then, using special ultraviolet light to kill all remaining bacteria and viruses, the filtered water is disinfected. It is so clear and clean you can drink it straight from the tap. The transformation is so amazing that unless you know what happened, you can hardly believe that it was once yucky sewage water.

Rock Kidz, changing nasty, dirty water into clean drinking water is wonderful, but changing someone’s heart is even more amazing. Today’s Bible lesson is about a man who had a change of heart. This man was Saul. When we first meet him in the Book of Acts, Saul was not someone you want to hang out with, especially if you were a Christian. You see, Saul hated anyone who believed in Jesus. He hated Jesus’ followers so much he wanted to arrest and punish all Christians in Jerusalem.

Saul was so nasty, he wanted to catch the Christians in faraway places as well. Acts 9 tells us that he went to the high priest to ask for letters, giving him the power to arrest Christians in the city of Damascus. So there he was, on the way to Damascus when this happened! A very bright light coming from heaven suddenly shone around him. Saul was so startled, he fell to the ground. Then he heard a voice saying, “Saul, Saul, why are you fighting against me?” Saul asked, “Who are You, Lord?” Imagine how shocked Saul got when the voice answered, “I am Jesus, the one you are trying to hurt.” Whoa. The Jesus he did not believe in and hated was very real and alive. For the first time in his angry life, Saul met our loving Saviour for himself.

When Saul got up and opened his eyes, he could not see. One of his companions had to lead him by the hand all the way to Damascus. There, a man of God laid hands on Saul and prayed for him. Instantly, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes. He could see again! More amazing than that, Saul’s heart and angry heart, became filled with joy. He saw for himself how everything he had heard about our Lord Jesus was true. He now believed that Jesus was the Son of God. From hunting down Christians to arrest them, he started telling others the

good news of Jesus and all that he had done. At first, the other believers were still afraid and unsure of Saul. Was the change for real? But when they saw how he preached about Jesus so boldly, they accepted that he was a totally different person from the man who used to be so against them. It was like he had become a new man.

Later, Paul would write in 2 Corinthians 5: 17, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”** From Saul, the enemy of Christians, he became Paul, the champion for Jesus. From hating Jesus so much, he became someone who loved Jesus completely. In fact, Paul became a mighty preacher and teacher for Christ and wrote many of the books in the New Testament. What an amazing transformation!

Let’s look at our verse again and see what it means for you and me. **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”** Anyone who believes in Jesus becomes a new creation. When we believe in Jesus, His blood washes away all our sin. This frees us from all the mess of our sinful way of thinking and living, making us brand new.

Jesus transforms us from the inside out. His love fills us, and just like Saul who later became Paul, we also get a change of heart. Sad and broken hearts don’t just get mended, they become brand new! Mean and selfish hearts become caring and sharing. People trapped in their bad habits become set free. When we believe in Jesus, we don’t just get saved from our sin. When we believe in Jesus, we become brand new. So new that we are freed from our old ways and have the power to be the Champion that God made us to be. Praise Jesus!

Let me tell you about a Rock Kidz boy who also experienced an amazing transformation. This boy was a big bully. He would often push his classmates around and say unkind and bad words at them. Sometimes he would even get into fights. Nobody liked him, and no one wanted to be his friend. It was no wonder that he often felt alone and very sad.

One Sunday, a teacher in Rock Kidz noticed him and began talking to him. She prayed with him and encouraged him to keep on coming to Rock Kidz. And so he did. Week after week, he kept on listening to the good news of how Jesus loves him and how Jesus came to take away his sins at the cross. He still wasn’t perfect in his behavior, but he knew that Jesus loved him and forgave him even when he failed.

Then one day this boy told his Rock Kidz teacher all his struggles and how he wanted to receive Jesus into his heart. The teacher prayed with him, and he believed that Jesus had washed away all his sins and wrongdoings once and for all. From that day on, he was a changed boy. Something happened on the inside of him, and he began to show great

improvement in his behaviour. Week after week, he improved so much that his teacher praised him and his classmates became friends with him. His mother was so amazed that she told his Rock Kidz teacher. And his father was so impressed by his transformation that he wanted to receive Jesus for himself. Wow! This boy was no longer a nasty bully. Today, he is a Jesus kid who is blessing to those around him. Hallelujah!

Hey Rock Kidz, what good news we have heard today. We heard that when we have Jesus, we are transformed from the inside out. The moment you believe in Jesus, all your sins are forgiven and you become a new creation. Old things have passed away. All things have become new. The best news is that you won't have to struggle to be this new and different person because it won't be about you changing yourself. No. if we had the power to do this., would have done it ourselves a long time ago. This is why we need Jesus in our hearts and in our lives. When you put your trust in Jesus and invite Him to be your Lord and Saviour, His love fills your heart with so much love and joy that you'll be changed from the inside out. All the bad habits and behaviour that you don't like about yourself will fade away.

Do people tell you that you're always clumsy or forgetful? Maybe you're been told that you are lazy or that you are no good. The next time someone tells you, "Why are you always so naughty?" or "Why are you always so angry?" don't just stand there feeling sad and helpless. Even if what they say is true, you don't have to be that kid anymore. You are a new creation. Old behaviour that got you in trouble has passed away. Old ways of thinking and speaking have gone too. All things have been made new. Say, "I am a Jesus kid. I am not that old kid anymore. Old things have passed away. I am the righteousness of God in Christ." Let's believe what the Bible says and let our good, good God change us from the inside out. So when people see the difference in us and ask, "Wow! What happened to you?" we can smile at them and say, "Jesus happened. He made all things new for me." And all of Rock Kidz say, "Amen!"

Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus' name," and everyone say, "Amen."

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