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This is It!

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Therefore, anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 2nd Corinthians 5:17-19

The new life we experience in Jesus Christ is so far reaching and complete that we become a brand new person through Christ. That does not mean that our thoughts and habits, coupled with our daily problems, will automatically vanish or go away. But what it does mean from God's point of view is that we have been given a second chance. We are brand new in God's eyes and through the power of God's Holy Spirit we have the power necessary for complete transformation in every area of our lives.

One of the things that we need the most in this entire process of change and transformation is the reconciliation of dysfunctional and fragile relationships that we have with ourselves or with others.

Reconciliation means: To restore someone to his or her proper place, to bring into agreement or harmony, to make compatible, to settle a difference or dispute.

Reconciling a dysfunctional or fragile relationship at the human level can be a difficult thing for anyone to do. However in the case of a broken relationship with God, He has already met us more than halfway by offering reconciliation through Christ Jesus, who is in fact the bridge and only way to full restoration into the Kingdom of God.

We are called to follow God and His program for right living; we are called to accept people right where they are. By accepting others we begin the process of rebuilding and making amends.

With all of this in mind, we find that as we build healthy relationships with God, others and ourselves. We will experience peace that goes beyond all human understanding and God, our heavenly Father, will become the joy of our lives.
Amen!

God Bless You,

Brother Eugene