

I Am Not the Man That I Was!

by Thomas Brooks

True holiness is the immediate fruit of genuine union with Christ, transforming us from our old selves to new creatures in Christ.

Scripture: John 3:3, Romans 6:4, 1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 4:24, Colossians 3:10, Titus 3:5, 1 Peter 1:23, 1 John 3:9

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that true holiness stems from a genuine union with Christ, transforming believers into new creations. He illustrates this transformation by stating that those in Christ experience a complete renewal of their identity, including a new head, heart, and spirit. Brooks powerfully conveys that holiness changes one's nature, turning a lion into a lamb and a wolf into a sheep, highlighting the profound impact of Christ's sanctification in a believer's life.

Transcript

All true holiness is the immediate fruit of genuine union with Christ. Christ is made not only wisdom, righteousness, and redemption--but He is also made sanctification to us, 1 Cor. 1:30. He who is in Christ is a new creature. He has . . . a new head, a new heart, a new lip, a new life, a new spirit, new principles, new ends. He can truly say, "I am not the man that I was! I was a lion--yet holiness has made me a lamb! I was a wolf--yet holiness has made me a sheep! I was a raven--yet holiness has made me a dove!"

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