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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!(2 CORINTHIANS 5:17)

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

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**Have you ever wondered how does a beautiful butterfly get so beautiful? Was it born that way or did it go through a process to be so beautiful?**

**What we tend to overlook, when we are first attracted to butterfly observation, is that the butterfly is the result of a much longer journey.....a journey that is quite different from that of many creatures on this planet. The process of a butterfly can also be seen as the same process a prodigal goes through, before they are turned into a beautiful butterfly. The flight stage is the final statement.....the last hurrah so to speak. No doubt that during prodigals early adventures, you will become increasingly aware of these other facets of a butterfly's life span but for many these stages remain a mystery. Actually what occurs prior to the flight stage of development is by far more intriguing and captivating. As you gather information on the stages of butterfly development, scientifically known as metamorphosis**

As a caterpillar(prodigal) their appearance can be even more diverse than in their final stage as a butterfly. They can be naked, hairy or have varying amounts of bristles or spike like appendages adorning their tubular form. Colours range from dull bland singular colours, that serve to camouflage, to mixtures of bright stripes or blotches that serve to warn. Essentially they are harmless even though they can appear to be quite menacing.....like the Swallowtail caterpillars. Caterpillars of this type are usually brightly marked to serve as an unmistakable reminder that they should be avoided. Never-the-less, it is this stage that tends to go largely unnoticed as they go quietly about their business.

Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past.(Isaiah 43:18)

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Throughout the larval stage a caterpillar has to shed it's skin several times in order to accommodate further growth.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

When the final instar occurs what emerges is the pupa, which when completed, usually resembles part of the plant they are on.....this serves as camouflage. This stage may last a week or so at which time the final stage an adult butterfly is produced, that either carries on the next generation locally or migrates, like the Monarch, to warmer climates before winter. Or they might over winter in this stage and emerge the following season to complete their predetermined task. In any case the transformation, while in the pupa stage, is truly a miracle. Sometimes some prodigals will develop faster than others into a butterfly, each transforming prodigal got His or Her own timing for there transformation. Only the Lord will know when they are ready to return as a butterfly.

Isaiah 65:17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

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What emerges from this case in no way resembles the caterpillar that produced it. Basically what happens is the complete disassembly of the cells that made up the caterpillar and the reassembling of those cells into it's new form....a butterfly. Upon emergence the swollen body immediately begins to pump fluids into the tiny shrived up wings. Within a couple of hours the wings are full size, dried, become more rigid and are capable of flight.

Galatians 6:15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

Ephesians 4:24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

These timelines can be complex and require a little more determination to follow in their entirety but it is very rewarding to observe the slightly different approaches to all four stages of the journey. Even within the same species and the same season the timeline can vary between broods. Adaptation is the key to survival for any butterfly. Will you wait and trust your God for His timing for the transformation of your spouse or loved one? It may take some time but I know that our wait will be worth it when the Lord reveals His butterfly to you. Keep on Praying, Standing and worshiping; your butterfly could be the next one flying out the bondage of sin. Praise the Lord.

Revelation 21:4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed

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