

FROM MULE TO HORSE

We've lived in Columbia full-time now for 6 years. The Mule Day celebrations were new to us; even though I had grown up here, I had been away for many years.

My husband and I drove past some of the camping areas for the people who had come for Mule Day. We were taken by surprise to see a person riding a mule with a very fancy gait! I hadn't seen that before. The mule looked like a Tennessee Walking --- mule. It still was and looked like a mule no matter the gait. It obviously had been highly trained but was still a mule.

We can't make mules into horses. However, God can make people into new creations. It has to be Him though. It's not to be an act... like a mule acting like a horse by being trained and beautified. Instead it's an inside thing, a total miracle, by receiving Jesus as God's son and believing in Him, being born of God. You become a new creation, even more amazing than if a mule really became a horse! Then you act the way you really are, but it's not an act. It's the real deal and the most joyous life possible even with challenges.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation..."

He gives us "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning..."