

1. Living Life out of the New Creation

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- The miracle of the new creation is one of the **more important truths** in the entire Bible
- The moment **we repent of our sins & receive Jesus Christ** as our personal Lord & Saviour, we become born again
- A **radical & dramatic change** takes place on the inside of us
- **We become a brand-new creation**

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV) *Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone! The new has come!*

1. We are three-part beings

- This truth about this “new creation” is best understood in the light of the fact that we are three-part beings:
- **The Bible teaches us that:**
 - We are a (human) spirit (eternal)
 - We have a soul (eternal)
 - We live inside our body (temporal)

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV) *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- **At the new birth, we have become a ‘new creation’ in our spirit!**
- ... The old is gone! The new has come!
- The old ‘what’ is gone?
 - The old sinful spirit is gone
 - Our old identity is gone!
 - The old record of sin is gone, nailed to the cross
 - (Old -Greek ‘archaios’ – **archaic, original**)

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV) *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

- I (the old me, my former self) has been crucified with Christ

2. At the point of our conversion to Christ, our sinful nature is cut away

Colossians 2:13–14 (NLT) *You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.*

- Ap. Paul spoke to the Colossian believers about their pre-conversion and their post-conversion spiritual condition
- 2 Cor. 5:17 The new has come
 - The new spirit has come
 - Our new identity has come
 - The new person has arrived
 - The new creation in our spirit has been achieved
- Paul the apostle made an interesting statement in Romans 1:9.

3. We serve God with (out of) our new creation spirit

Romans 1:9-10 (HCSB) *For God, whom I serve with my spirit in telling the good news about His Son, is my witness that I constantly mention you, always asking in my prayers ...*

- **Paul said:**
 - I serve God with my spirit**
 - I serve God out of the new creation**
- In the Old Testament, the Jews tried to serve God with religious rituals, rules, special clothing, special diets, special this, special that ...

Galatians 6:15 (NKJV) *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, **but a new creation.***

- It's not religion, or the lack of religion that counts before God
- It's the new creation - the brand-new spirit that is born of God
- That's why Jesus said to Nicodemus:

John 3:7 (NKJV) *Do not marvel that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**'*

- The new birth takes place in our spirit, in the unseen part of us

John 3:8 (NKJV) *The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. **So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.***

- Jesus is using the example of “wind” to describe the “new creation”
- We can’t see the wind - it is invisible
- But we can hear the wind, and we can see it’s effects
- We can’t see the born again spirit within us – it is invisible
- The effect of a new spirit in us is a changed life

Romans 7:6 (NLT) *But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. **Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.***

2 Corinthians 5:17 (GW) *Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation. **The old way of living has disappeared. A new way of living has come into existence.***

- (This is not so much a translation of 2 Cor. 5:17, it is an interpretation of what it says)
- With the disappearance of the old sinful spirit, the old way of living has disappeared as well
- With the appearance of the new perfect spirit, the new way of living has come into existence

4. At creation, God breathed into Adam the breath of life (spirit)

Genesis 2:7 (ESV) *Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*

- Man’s body is made from the dust of the ground
- Man’s spirit comes from God’s breath (breath of life)
- In Genesis 6:17, the word breath (of life) is from the Heb. word “ruach”
- In other references, the word “ruach” is translated “spirit” or “wind”
- At creation, God blew his “ruach”, His “breath of life” into Adam
- Adam’s spirit was perfect at creation, but through sin, his spirit got corrupted

Ezekiel 36:26–27 (NKJV) *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*

- God said: I will take the heart of stone (sinful spirit) out of your flesh
- I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you (new creation)
- Vs. 27. I will put My Spirit within you
- There are two distinct spirits mentioned here:
 - A. The born again human spirit
 - B. The Holy Spirit
- Once we are born again, we “qualify” for the infilling with the Holy Spirit

5. At Pentecost, God breathed His Spirit into born again believers

Acts 2:1–4 (NKJV) *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And **suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

- Our born again human spirit (new creation) is designed be filled with the Holy Spirit
- We desperately need to be filled with the Holy Spirit so our spirit can function properly
- The Baptism with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in unknown tongues is a secondary experience after the new birth
 - Firstly, we must be born again (
 - Secondly, we must be baptised with the Holy Spirit
 - Thirdly, we must maintain a Spirit-filled life so that our new creation spirit can function properly

Salvation Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank You that You sent Your Son Jesus Christ into the world to save me. I recognise that I have broken Your commandments, and that I cannot save myself by my own good deeds. Lord Jesus, I thank You that You have taken the punishment for my sins by dying on the cross. I make a decision now to surrender my whole life to You and everything that I have. I receive You as my personal Lord and Saviour. I thank You that I am now forgiven, and that I am now born again. Please fill me with the Holy Spirit, and lead and guide me and show me Your purpose for my life. Help me to be strong so that I can live according to Your purpose and Your plan for my life. I pray this in Jesus' Name, amen.