

2. 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 (in our spirit)**

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

Last week's main points:

- a. We are three-part beings (spirit, soul and body)
- b. At the point of our conversion to Christ, our sinful nature (spirit) is cut away
- c. We serve God with (or, out of) our newly created spirit
- d. At creation, God breathed into Adam the breath of life (spirit)
- e. At Pentecost, God breathed His Spirit into born again believers

1. Put off the old man & put on the new man

Ephesians 4:17–24 (NET) *So I say this, and insist in the Lord, that you no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. **18** They are darkened in their understanding, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardness of their hearts. **19** Because they are callous, they have given themselves over to indecency for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. **20** But you did not learn about Christ like this, **21** if indeed you heard about him and were taught in him, just as the truth is in Jesus. **22** **You were taught with reference to your former way of life to lay aside the old man who is being corrupted in accordance with deceitful desires, **23** to be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and to put on the new man who has been created in God's image—in righteousness and holiness that comes from truth.***

- Ap. Paul is contrasting between the lives of believers & unbelievers
- He says:
 - Unbelievers live in the futility of their thinking
 - They are darkened in their understanding
 - They are alienated from the life of God because of ignorance
 - This is due to the hardness of their hearts

- They are callous
- They have given themselves over to indecency for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness
- In contrast, as believers, we are called to:
 - Lay aside the old man (old sinful spirit) which is corrupted with deceitful desires
 - Be renewed in the spirit of your mind
 - Put on the new man who has been created in God's image
 - In righteousness and holiness that comes from the truth
- In other words, we make a conscious effort to live your life out of the new man, out of our born again spirit, the new creation we received at the new birth

Our born again spirit is:

- As righteous as Jesus Christ
- Dead to sin and alive to God
- Loves God more than anyone or anything else
- Has a desire for the Word of God, for the presence of God and for the things of God
- Has the ability to contact God and communicate with Him
- Is indwelt by, and should be constantly filled with the Holy Spirit

2. Walking in newness of life

Romans 6:4 (NKJV) *Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.***

- Our “new spirit man” causes us to walk in “newness of life”
- Remember, the “old man” is gone, but its memory still remains
- It's old attitudes and mindsets are still embedded in our mind (memory)
- That's why we must be renewed in the spirit of our mind (Eph. 4:23)

3. Renewing of our minds (thoughts, mindsets & attitudes)

Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.** 2 **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.***

- The instructions are:

- Present your body a living sacrifice
- Do not be conformed to this world (this world's way of living)
- Be transformed by the renewing of your mind
- Transformation from the old to the new way of living comes by renewing our mind
- The written Word of God is the “renewal agency” by which our mind is renewed
- The Word of God teaches us what to think and how to think
- It analyses every thought and every intent of our heart (Hebrews 4: 12)

4. Rule our lives from our spirit man

- God has intended that we rule our lives from our spirit man
- The new creation within us is supposed to be in charge
 - We are not supposed to be a soul-ruled person
 - Nor are we supposed to be a body-ruled person

Colossians 3:9–10 (NKJV) *Do not lie to one another, since you have **put off the old man** with his deeds, **10** and have **put on the new man** who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.*

5. We are led by the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:14–16 (NKJV) *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.*

- The sons of God are led by the Spirit of God
- Sons – Gr. huioi - mature children of God (cp. Gr. nepios – infants)
- As we mature in our relationship with God, we learn to be led by the Spirit of God
- Vs. 16 The (Holy) Spirit Himself bears witness with our (born again) spirit
- Inner witness – inner knowing

1 John 2:20 (KJV 1900) *But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*

- We have a “knower” in our spirit, and “we know all things”
 - Some believer “hear”

- Some “see”
- Some “know”

John 16:13 (NKJV) *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

- KJV – show you things to come

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.