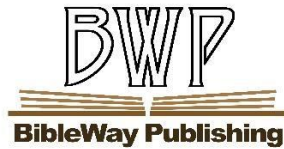


Christ's Message of Redemption



A New Creation

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Death - The Old Self of Sin [Flesh or Earthly Man]

- "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires." (Ephesians 4:22)
- "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- "At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another." (Titus 3:3)
- "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21)

Burial - Of the Sinful Body

Like a seed that is planted into the earth and rises a different plant - so sinful man accepts the Word is buried into the death of Christ and rises a new spiritual man to live a different life.

- "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:3-4)
- "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- "Neither circumcision nor un-circumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation." (Galatians 6:15)

Resurrected - A New Creation [Spiritual Man]

- "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:8-10)

- “You were taught with regard to your former way of life to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:22-24)
- “(We) have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” (Colossians 3:10)
- “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would.” (Galatians 5:16-17)
- “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17)
- “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and selfcontrol. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” (Galatians 5:22-26)

Daily Living

- “a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:1-3).
- “You must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.” (Ephesians 4:17-19)

Ephesians 4, 5, and 6 — daily living by the new creation:

- Be made new in the attitude of your minds
- Put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor
- In your anger do not sin
- Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry
- Steal no longer, but must work
- Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths
- Get rid of all bitterness, rage, brawling and slander, and every form of malice.
- Be kind and compassionate
- Forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you
- Live a life of love
- Among you there must not be:
 - a. A hint of sexual immorality
 - b. Any kind of impurity

- c. Greed
- d. Obscenity
- e. Foolish talk
- f. Coarse joking
- No immoral, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God.
- Do not get drunk on wine
- Be filled with the Spirit
- Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
- Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord
- Always giving thanks to God the Father
- Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ
- Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord
- Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
- Children, obey your parents in the Lord
- Honor your father and mother
- Fathers do not exasperate your children
- Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect
- Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him

Titus 3:1-2

- Be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men
- Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes**

Questions

1. A person coming into Christ becomes a new creation because:
 - ☐ God miraculously changed one's life
 - ☐ They resolved to change the way they thought and acted
 - ☐ They died to sinful life, were buried into Christ and resurrected by God a new creation
2. God's grace, Christ the perfect sacrifice for sin, is free to all but man is free to accept or reject based on his faith or lack of faith.
 - ☐ True
 - ☐ False
3. An individual can lose all sensitivity to what is right, pure and just.
 - ☐ True
 - ☐ False

4. A new Christian, a new creation, can continue to live as before one's death to sin, burial with Christ and resurrection as a new creation.

- ☐ True
☐ False

5. It is impossible for people to lose their sensitivity to sensuality?

- ☐ True
☐ False

Answers to Questions

1. They died to sinful life, were buried ...
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True

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