

New Creation

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2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

This is a fact. No matter how you feel. No matter what difficulties you are going through. No matter what your family lineage is. When you trust Christ, you are one with Christ. You are a new creation. The old has gone and the new has come. You are born again. 1John 4:15 captures the magnitude of this transformation.

1 John 4:15 (ESV)

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (makes HIS home) in him, and he (makes his home) in God.

Notice the mutual indwelling. We need to come to grips with this radical transformation. Christ is not only in us we are in Christ. Thus, a new creation. With HIM, we soar. Resist HIM, we flounder.

Colossians 3:3 (ESV)

For you have died (to self), and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

God is solely responsible for making us a new creation. When we trust Jesus, we are inwardly transformed. Previously God showed us how:

2 Corinthians 1:21–22 (ESV)

²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²² and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

The holy creator God with all HIS majesty comes to live within us. Fact! Something has to happen in us. We should not judge others. However, we should examine ourselves.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (ESV)

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. **Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?**—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

Those who do not realize that Christ is in them fail the test. We should take this seriously. First test: We must realize that God loves us?

1 John 4:19 (ESV)

We love because HE first loved us.

The capacity to love comes from God.

1 John 4:16 (ESV)

We have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

Second test: We must love others.

1 John 4:12 (ESV)

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

No one has ever seen God, but when we love one another, God is visible! Love for one another brings the unseen God to concrete expression in everyday life. By knowing God loves us and loving one another, we pass the test. Christ indwells us and we are a new creation. Now the love of Christ controls us.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV)

For the love of Christ controls (NIV – compels) us, because we have concluded that Jesus has died for all, therefore all have died (to self and acting independent of God).

We don't need outside law because the inside love of Christ compels us to behave like Jesus.

Paul is not speaking of all men but only to “those who live” in union with the resurrected Christ; the new creations.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

I have been crucified (self) with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

As new creations we still mess up, we stumble, and sometimes we really blow it. Yet we are still God’s new creation, and he wants us to bounce back and keep pressing forward with Christ.

1John 1:9-10 is one of the most important verses in the Bible explaining how we can have an unbroken fellowship with Jesus and continue living in HIS power. Absolutely life changing.

1 John 1:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Confess literally means to agree. When we mess up, we confess or agree with God that it is sin and God immediately forgives us and cleanses us while never breaking fellowship with us.

Therefore, we confess and continue walking in newness of life. Jesus and him crucified makes us new creation! Like the Apostle Paul we declare.

1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV)

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.