## The New Creation – A Child of God

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Who is the new creation? He is the person who confesses that he is a sinner and he believed that Jesus died on the cross to pay the price of his sins. He believes that Jesus was buried and raised from the dead to give eternal life to everyone who believes in Him. The new creation is the person who has taken Jesus as his personal Savior and Lord. After making the decision to receive Jesus, the new creation has a personal close relationship with God and receives the privilege to become a child of God as the Word of God says; "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed His name, He gave them the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

So the new creation is a child of God: "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26) Being a child of God our Father is because the Spirit of God lives in us. Having the Spirit of God we belong to God and we receive the privileges as children of God.

- 1. <u>Being a child of God we have a life of peace</u>: If we are the children of God we are the children of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. This fact will by itself bring us peace because we know that everything belongs to our Father ad being His child we have a share. We have endless blessings and all our needs are to be satisfied: "And my Lord shall supply all my needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Heaven and earth are created by God and under His care and authority so we are assured that everything around us is given for our good whatever the circumstances are: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)
- 2. Being a child of God we have inheritance: A child in the family is not a slave. A slave even how good he is or how well he does he is not an heir to his master. But a child is the heir to his Father. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade kept in heaven for you." (1 Peter 1:3-4) Yes, we have the inheritance in heaven; a reward from Jesus kept for us, as the Lord Jesus said: "In my Father's house there are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:2-3)
- 3. <u>Being a child of God we belong to one family:</u> We have brothers and sisters and we have one Father, the God in heaven. Being brothers and sisters in one family

we receive the care and the love of God the Father. Likewise, we receive love and care from other brothers and sisters in the family of God. We have the affection and compassion to each other, we pray for one another, we support, encourage and strengthen each other.

- 4. <u>Being a child of God, the Spirit of God, and the Father lives in us:</u> So can cry out to God, "Abba Father" and He answers us. God listens to our cry and petitions because we are his children and He does not leave us alone. He comes to rescue us in times of troubles. He supplies our needs; He neither leaves us nor forsake us as He promised, "And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."
- 5. Being a child of God we receive discipline: "Because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone he accepts as a son." (Hebrews 12:6) Discipline important and is our actual need. The word of God tells us to "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplines by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline) then you are illegitimate children and not true sons." (Hebrew 12:7-8) As true children of God we need correction to be directed in the right way; without discipline we may go astray. "No discipline seems pleasant at a time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." (Hebrews 12:11) When God is disciplining us it is painful, and ever we may turn back or retaliate, but let us always remember that it is for our good discipline makes us grow and to become more mature in our faith in God. Discipline is painful at the time of it, but it produces fruit in our life, and ultimately we should be glad and rejoice when God is training us and teaching us through certain discipline.

My dear and beloved: What a beautiful life we live being children of God. We are always under His care. God's eyes are in us guiding us and leading us in the way that He plans for us. Living the true life is to live to the fullness of God's word and promises till we reach eternity. Being the children of God we can shout with gladness and joy: "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23:6)

My Prayer: "Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus who died for my sins on the cross, and who raised from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Thank You, my Father, because my name is written in the book of life. Thank You, Lord, because You have accepted me as your child. Thank You because You put your Spirit in me. Thank You, Lord, for the joy to be in one family with my brothers and sisters sharing with them your love and your blessings. Thank You, Lord, because You hear my prayer when I cry out to You, "Abba Father". Thank You because You always hear me and answer me. Thank You, Lord, because you took me as one of your children through Jesus Christ my Lord my Savior and my God. Amen."