

The New Creation

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation the old has gone, the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

If there is something new, that means there is something old. Before we speak about the new creation we have to speak about the old creation. We call the new creation the new man and we can call the old creation as the old man, not by age or the years he lives but as the Bible speak about.

The old creation or the old man is the human that was given birth by his mother. He is composed of a body with all the organs and systems. As this human grows his soul starts to be formed which is responsible to emotions, feelings, analyzing facts, reasoning, thinking and decision making. Such a man by his body and soul is the old creation, but this form of a man cannot enter the kingdom of God because his body and soul are what is called flesh and flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Therefore, the old man or the old creation in order to be born again from above by receiving God’s Spirit who makes him spiritually alive.

How can we receive God’s Spirit? Or how are we born again?

The word of God tells us that we are all sinners ***“For all have sinner and fall short of the glory of God.” As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one.” (Romans 3:23, 10)*** There is no one that is born from a woman without sin except one, and He is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Virgin Mary conceived Him by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is without sin. He is God; He is the image of the invisible God. He has come to the world to save sinners. Jesus Christ paid the price for our sins on the cross; He died on the cross for our sins and He was buried. But on the third day He raised from the dead to give eternal life to everyone who believes in Him. In order to receive the Spirit of God we ought to confess that we are sinners. We need to repent from every sin we did and leave them behind. This is our old self – sinful. We must decide to leave behind our old life and accept that Jesus died for our sins. We must receive Jesus as our personal Savior and accept Him through prayer as the Lord over our life. Sincerely from our hearts, we ought to pray in this manner:

“Father God in heaven, I come before You in the name of Jesus. I thank You because You gave me your Son Jesus. Lord Jesus, forgive me for all my sins. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and You rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord Jesus, You are my Savior. I open my heart for You. Let your Spirit enter my heart and take full control of my life. Teach me to obey your words and help me to worship You in Spirit and in Truth. This is my prayer in Jesus’ name, Amen.”

After saying this prayer with full conviction in our heart, the Spirit of God- the Holy Spirit will rest on us and will live within us and we are born again. As we receive the Spirit of God by faith we are born again by the Spirit of God and we become a new creation, the old things has gone and the new things has come.

The new creation is a new man because:

1. ***He is redeemed:*** In the ancient time, there was a market for slaves. Anyone who wants to have a slave man or a slave woman has to go to the slave market and purchase from the old master the man or woman he chooses. The price has to be paid to the old master for a slave to be freed from his cruelty.

We were slaves to sin and to Satan and we were under the sentence of death. But Jesus Christ paid the price. Jesus came down from heaven; He came to free us from that slavery; He paid the price to free us from sin and from the owner of Satan. The price He paid is not silver or gold or an amount of money. The price to free us was paid with His own blood and His death on the cross.

Now we understand why we are precious to our Lord Jesus, as well as we who believe in Him we are not for ourselves: ***“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19 -20)*** So we ought to live honoring God; to live a life dedicated to serve Him.

2. ***He is sanctified:*** Since we confessed our sins and received Jesus as personal Savior and Lord, we are already cleansed from the sins of the past. Yet the Lord Jesus will continue to cleanse and forgive us from any sin that we have done as we confess to Him. The Holy Spirit will work on us to convict us for the sin that we do. The Bible tell us that, ***“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)*** When we confess our sins to God, first He will forgive us. Second, He will purify us and He will enable us to have self- control and discipline to overcome sin.

However, the final cleansing is when the Lord Jesus will come back and take us with Him to heaven. As long as we are in this world there are temptations and we may fall into sin but the Lord is faithful to His promise. He is coming again.

My dear and beloved: “May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23) This may seem to be difficult to some of us but remember this: ***“The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it.”***

My prayer: *“Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for me and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank You for your word to me. Lord Jesus, thank you because You redeemed me from sin and death by a great price, your blood that was shed on the cross. O Lord cleanse me and purify my body, soul and spirit until You come and take me with You to heaven. This is my prayer in Jesus’ name, Amen.”*