

*The New Creation is redeemed, Justified,
Adopted as Child of God, and Sanctified*

“17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV)

After we are born again by the Spirit of God, that gives life to our dead spirit, then we are new creation, or a new man. **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.** Jesus Christ is the firstfruits, who was raised from the dead, and through Him, and as we continue in Him, we too become alive and will continue alive in Him, as we read here, ***“20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:20-22 KJV)*** Through the sin of Adam death came but through Christ we were made alive.

But what is our position as a new creation? For the Bible uses several words to describe our position in Christ

1. We are redeemed: Through Christ and His work on the cross we were redeemed, which means Christ had bought us and paid the price for our sins; that He paid our debts; for our sins had made us slave to sin, to Satan, and under the penalty of death. Nothing we could do to pay for our sins in order to get our freedom. The wages and the price for our sins is death and Jesus who was without sin became a sin offering to us, and by His death on the cross He paid for our sins. Jesus purchased us with His own blood. Let us read the following Scriptures to be encouraged and taught more about redemption:

A. *“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,” (Luke 1:68)* Zechariah praised God because He came to redeem His people and free them from sin, Satan and death.

B. *“11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” (Hebrews 9:11-12)* In the Old Testament, God taught the people to sacrifice animals to cover the sins of the people, and called sin offerings, but they could not pay enough! In **Hebrews 9** tells us that Jesus did not try to pay for our sins in this way, but He laid down His own life for us to give us eternal, everlasting redemption, with no expiry as long as we are in Him.

C. *“17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.” (Romans 6:17-18)* Before the coming of Christ and His redemption for us we were slaves to sin and Satan and

serving them, but as Christ paid the price for us we were set free from sin, and now we are servants of God.

D. *“22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” (Romans 8:22-23)* True that we have been set free from sin now, but our complete redemption will come when God gives us new glorified bodies upon the second coming of Christ and we will be with Him. That is why as long as we are in this mortal body we need to be in Him, in repentance, living a life without sin, behaving, fearing God, obeying Him, until such a moment that He will come to give us glorified bodies.

2. We are justified: Before the death of Christ on the cross for our sins we were accused of the crimes of our sins, for the wages of sin is death and we were only waiting for the time when we will stand before God on the last day for judgment. But now through Jesus' blood we are justified as we repented and turned to Christ, and made right with God. Jesus justifies us before God in this way: We receive forgiveness for the sins which condemn us in God's eyes, ***“Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.” (Romans 4:7)*** Our sins not only forgiven, but are also covered, and our conscience also is clear; our old records of sins are all annulled as we repented. God no longer sees our sins, and we are declared not guilty before God but righteous before Him through the righteousness that we received from God through faith in Jesus Christ. ***“21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.” (Romans 3:21-22)*** When you continue in Christ and in repentance your sins are no more remembered, and the guilt and punishment due for your sins are removed and no one will remind you of your sins that you had done years ago as long as you are in Him. In Christ we have a clear conscience to live for Him and to serve Him.

3. We are adopted as children of God: We were alienated from God, but through Jesus we become sons and daughters of God. After making the decision to receive Jesus, the new creation has a personal and 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 God had not only redeemed us and justified us, but He is also saying he is or she is my child, or they are my children.

When Jesus talked with the Pharisees, they told him they were sons of God. But Jesus said to them the following: ***“42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” (John 8:42-44 KJV)*** This was a shocking thing for them to hear they were children of the devil because they were religious people but they were sinners and not willing to believe in Christ and follow Him. But

the truth is that everyone who sins becomes a slave to sin and a child of Satan. Though the first man, Adam who was created to be God's son, he chose sin instead. Since that time, when man had chosen his own way and sin against God, therefore belonged he to Satan.

God's plan is to adopt us as his children. His original plan was for us to be his sons and daughters, and He has now made this possible through Jesus. ***"3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."*** (Galatians 4:3-7 KJV) ***Before Christ we were under the elements of this world, but when God sent His son, born to a woman to redeem us, then we are no longer slaves to sin and Satan, and no more servants but we became His sons and daughter.*** .

So the new creation is a child of God: ***"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."*** (Galatians 3:26) After receiving Christ, we receive the Spirit of God that revives our dead spirit and we became born again, and in having the Spirit of God in us we belong to God and we became children of God. And so being a child of God then we receive the privileges and the blessings that belong to the children of God. What blessings that belong to us as God's children?

A. Being a child of God we are made like Jesus Christ: As we read here in Romans, ***"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."*** (Romans 8:29 KJV) In fact we became brethren and sisters for Jesus, for He is our elder brother. All such great privileges and promises make us realize the great blessings of God for us in our lives.

B. Being a child of God we receive God's love and care: As we read here in Ephesians that out of His love He had chosen us to adopt us as His children, ***"4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,"*** (Ephesians 1:4-5 KJV) And because of that love we receive God's care as we read here in Luke, ***"27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."*** (Luke 12:27-32 KJV) The Word of God tells us that God clothes the lilies of the field and will certainly care for us and provide for us our daily needs from food, drink and clothes. Therefore you should not doubt about your needs for God will provide for you. Also we are admonished in verse 31 that we need to seek His

Kingdom and these things that we need shall be added unto us. Therefore as you seek God and His Kingdom and righteousness God shall supply to you all your needs. We are also taught in verse 32 not to be afraid or worried because it is our Father's good pleasure to give us His Kingdom and all our needed things as we continue to delight in Him and live our lives for Him.

C. Being a child of God we have a life of peace: If we are the children of God we are the children of the King of kings and the Lord of lords. This fact by itself brings us peace because we know that everything belongs to our Father and being His children we have a share. We have endless blessings and all our needs are to be satisfied as we read here: ***"19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*** (Philippians 4:19 KJV) 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: ***"28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."*** (Romans 8:28 KJV) Even in whatever situation we are in and placed, God will use that situation and will work it out for our own good being His beloved children in Christ Jesus our Lord. God will turn any situation we are placed in for our own good and benefits, because we are His children.

D. Being a child of God we have inheritance in Heaven: A child in the family is not a slave. A slave is not an heir to his master. But a child is the heir to his father. ***"3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,"*** (1 Peter 1:3-4 KJV) ***Yes, we have our inheritance in Heaven; that will be kept for us incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fade not away, reserved in Heaven for us. This is the reward from God kept for us that we have mansions in Heaven, as the Lord Jesus promised: "2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*** (John 14:2-3 KJV)

E. Being a child of God we belong to one family and we have love for each other: We have brothers and sisters and we have one Father, the God in Heaven, and God placed us in His church which is His body and His family. ***Being brothers and sisters in one family we receive the care and the love of God the Father also through one another, from other brothers and sisters in the family of God. We show by our love that we belong to God. We have the affection and compassion to each other; we pray for one another, we support, encourage and strengthen each other, "14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."*** (1 John 3:14 KJV)

F. Being a child of God, the Spirit of God, of the Father lives in us: So we can cry out to God, and we can call Him Father, as a father in a family, ***"Abba Father"*** as we read in Galatians 4:6, and in Romans, ***"15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."*** (Romans 8:15 KJV) **** So being a child of God there will be no fear knowing that our father hearing us when we cry and pray and He answer 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 leave us nor forsake us as He promised, ***“I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*** * Being His children and having His Holy Spirit we can also receive the Holy Spirit Baptism and the Spiritual gifts, like gift of healing, gift of faith, gift of evangelism, message of wisdom, gift of pasturing and teaching, and the rest of the gifts that through them we can serve God.

G. Being a child of God we receive discipline: “6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.” (Hebrews 12:6 KJV) Discipline is evidence that we are the children of God. Everyone discipline his children and God discipline us because we are His children. ***Discipline is important and is our actual need.*** The Word of God tells us, ***“7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.” (Hebrews 12:7-8 KJV)*** If God is not disciplining us it means He rejected us. As true children of God we need correction from our Father to be directed in the right and narrow way; without discipline we may go astray. ***“11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” (Hebrews 12:11 KJV)*** When God is disciplining you it is painful, and you may turn back or retaliate, but always remember that it is for your good, for discipline makes you grow and to become more mature in your faith in God. Discipline is painful at the time of it, but it produces fruit of righteousness in our life, and ultimately we should be glad and rejoice when God is training us and teaching us through certain discipline.

4. We are sanctified: That we are made clean from our sins. What does it mean that we are made clean or sanctified? Though we are washed and clean in God’s eyes because of the blood of Jesus, for God sees Jesus’ righteousness covering us, yet there are many marks of sins on our life. When Jesus puts His Spirit within us, that Spirit begins to change us from the inside out, and in such He begins the work of sanctification in us.

A. We are sanctified when we receive Jesus Christ: “11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:11 KJV) We are washed and made clean from sins by the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Holy Spirit of God. ***We are cleansed and sanctified upon conversion by the blood of Jesus upon His suffering and His death on the cross, “12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.” (Hebrews 13:12 KJV)***

B. We are being sanctified and changed every day from glory to glory by His Spirit as we continue to walk with Christ: “18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 3:18 KJV) The Holy Spirit that inside us being children of God begins to change us from the inside out, it reproduce in us the Holy Spirit fruit like love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, perseverance, long-suffering and self-control, that make our character and attitude like Jesus, as

well as the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins and make us hate worldliness, cleans us from the lust and greed of the world and the love of material things and direct us to love the Heavenly things of God. We will start to hate sin and the sinful practices and more loving toward God and His Word and will.

C. We are being sanctified and changed by the Word of God: “17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17 KJV) Jesus prayed for us before He died that we will be sanctified by the Word of God. That is why we read the Bible and study the Scripture to know God’s will and to apply the Word of God in our lives. God’s Word makes us know sins, and by abiding with the Word of God we start to be cleansed from sins like laziness, anger, immoralities, love of money, greed, pride, etc.

D. We are sanctified when we are disciplined: “10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.” (Hebrews 12:10-11 KJV) God our Father being His children discipline us to be partakers of His holiness. The discipline is painful but it gives fruit of righteousness. Discipline help us to forsake our sins and start to walk in the way that God wants us to go and to live the life that He wants us to live.

E. It is our responsibility to yield to the process of sanctification and cleans ourselves: “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1 KJV) We have an important part in this process, we need to fear God and repent of our sins. As the Holy Spirit and the Word of God shows us our sins, we need to confess them to God and renounce them so He will cleans us from all unrighteousness, ***“9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9 KJV)*** Don’t only tells God forgive me my sins, but confess to God your sins one by one, and in such a way you are showing to God that you are aware of your sins and you are aware of what He is displeased with.

God is the one who sanctify us, ***“23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.” (1 Thessalonians 5:3-24 KJV)*** But we need to do our part well and repent speedily from our sins and renounce them, and yield to Him so when He comes, or upon our death we are prepared to meet the Lord. We need to purify ourselves before His coming if we want to meet the Lord and be with Him in Heaven, ***“2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” (1 John 3:2-3 KJV)*** And as Jesus told us, ***“8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8 KJV)*** For without holiness no one will see the Lord.

There are some doctrines and churches that say that complete sanctification will take place at the time of death, which means that you are accepted by God even if you have sin, and you are saved even if you die and you are in sin. But these are the lies of the devil, because after death there will be judgment and no more sanctification. Once you are aware of your sins then you are accountable to repent of them.

My dear and beloved: In Christ Jesus we become a new creation. He purchased us with His blood that He shed on the cross, so as we repent and have faith in Him, we are no more under Satan but are now freed, justified, our sins are forgiven and covered, and we are no more condemned but innocent in the sight of God. More than that receiving the Spirit of God we became His children, God adopted us as His own sons and daughters, giving us all the rights and inheritance of His own son, therefore we need to yield fully to God to be cleansed and purified from all unrighteousness and be ready and prepared to meet Him at His coming.

What a beautiful life we live being children of God. We are always under His care. God's eyes are on 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: ***“6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.” (Psalm 23:6)***

If you have not yet received Christ, come now to the Lord, receive Christ, and give your life to Him, confess your sins and renounce them, God is calling you to redeem you from sin and Satan, to be justified, to be adopted as a child of God and to receive His love and care, and His Spirit and to be sanctified from sins, so you will be ready to go with us to Heaven when Jesus comes.

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 redeemed me, justified me and you are cleansing me by your name, by your Word and the Holy Spirit and your discipline.*

Confess and renounce your sins now to the Lord. Lord I confess and renounce the following sins _____. Lord take me and adopt me as one of your children and cleans me from the sins that I confessed to you.

Lord, thank you for my brethren who gave their lives to you. Lord bless them, protect them and provide their needs and make them grow in you. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and give them the Spiritual gifts that they need in their lives and use them to serve you.

Lord bless us as a church and help us to go and evangelize reaching new people and planting new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us and

enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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