

# Have Things Become New?

- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2Cor. 5:17*
- “If” presents a condition we must meet.
- If anyone is “*in Christ*”
- All believers in God and disciples of Jesus should be intensely interested in this condition.
- What is “*in Christ?*” What is the method revealed in the Scriptures to enter “*in Christ?*”

# Are we His Workmanship?

- *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Eph 2:10*
- When we entered Christ we became God's workmanship. The creation process that makes all things new because we are a new creation must be initiated by God.
- We can't make ourselves His product. Just as in the first creation, this new creation requires God's divine power to complete.

# Baptized into Christ

- Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore **we were buried with Him through baptism** into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**. Rom 6:3-4
- “For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ have put on Christ**. Gal. 3:27
- For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body** 1 Cor 12:13

# Be Transformed – Prove what is Pleasing

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- “For **as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ** Gal 3:27
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- Only after by one Spirit we are baptized into one body, baptized into Christ Jesus have we put on Christ and are in Christ.

# Old Passes ... New Comes

- *buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, Col 2:12-14*
- Buried with Him in Baptism
- Also (*in baptism*) raised with Him
- Old: Dead in your trespasses
- New: Made alive together with Him.,
- New: Forgiven of all trespasses

# Do we Understand the Vocabulary

- In Christ
- New Creation
- Old passed away
- New things have come
- Workmanship Created in Christ Jesus
- Walk in Newness of life
- Dead in trespasses
- Made alive together with Him.

# Fellowship with God

- These are the things that God has done. Everything described above all happened while we were under the water in baptism.
- God made us alive, God forgave us, God put us in Christ and created us in Christ.
- We simply complied with the conditions to hear, believe, repent, confess and be baptized.
- God did everything else.

# Details of What God Did

*And **you were dead in the trespasses and sins** 2 in which **you once walked**, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom **we all once lived in the passions of our flesh**, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath**, like the rest of mankind. 4 **But God, being rich in mercy**, because of **the great love with which he loved us**, 5 **even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—Eph 2:1-6***



# Only God Could Do This

● *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, **for it is the power of God to salvation** for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

Rom 1:16-17

● We believe and God does the rest.

● Only God can make us alive again. Only God can put us in Christ. Only God can forgive us of all trespasses. Only God can “create us in Christ Jesus” and make us a new creation.

● Truly: *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, Eph 2:8*

# The Illustration of the Garden of Eden

- Details of what God did: Six days of Creation
- *Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Gen 1:28*
- God made a new creation: Man had fellowship.
- It was up to them to take dominion and subdue the earth.

# Taking Dominion

- *that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles — when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. 1 Peter 4:2-5*

# Old Things Pass = Taking Dominion

● *This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, Eph 4:17-23*

# A Fellowship with God

- *I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (Rom. 12:1-2)*
- A fellowship with God: He makes it possible then:
- We make old things pass away.
- We make new things come.
- We stop conforming and start transforming.

# Our Part in the Fellowship

- THIS TRANSFORMATION IS NOT PASSIVE. WE HAVE A ROLE:
- YOU must present your body, because that is *your spiritual service*.
- YOU must be *transformed*,
- YOU must renew your mind.

# A Fellowship with God

- God's Part in the Fellowship:
- *seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue; 4 whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. 2 Peter 1:3-5*

# A Fellowship with God

- Our Part in the Fellowship
- (New things come)
- *Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in (your) virtue knowledge; 6 and in (your) knowledge self-control; and in (your) self-control patience; and in (your) patience godliness; 7 and in (your) godliness brotherly kindness; and in (your) brotherly kindness love.*



# After New Things Come

- *For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. 10 Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: 11 for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:8-11*

# New Things Must Come

- *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Col 3:1-7*

# The Process of Renewal

- *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, Col 3:9-10*

# When New Things Have Truly Come

- *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor 4:16-18*