

A New Creation

*Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creation.
Old things have passed away, behold, all things are new. (2 Corinthians 5:6)*

Now — so you do not take this scripture and twist it thinking that if you accept Christ as your savior or go to a Christian church or any other Christian thing you are doing to please God... Let me expound on this scripture.

First of all. What does it mean to be “in Christ”? It does not mean “Christ in you the hope of glory”. For that hope of coming into Christ is planted behind the veil the moment you accept Christ as a way of getting rid of your old life ---in other words, “dying, so you may become a new creature” or becoming alive so you can die and become alive again, a new creation.

Old things have passed away. Wow, what does that mean?? Oh, I do not cuss anymore or miss the Sabbath, or get angry??? No, that does not make for a new creature — it only improves the behavior of the old creature.

Old things passing away is much deeper than that. It is as drastic as a worm turning into a butterfly. Your old way of thinking, speaking, and understanding is completely annihilated. With pain and suffering the old passes away and we are made completely new.

The next paragraph tells us that God is “in Christ” reconciling us to Himself. So my dear reader you will not find that place in God’s heart that Jesus has prepared for you without dying out to all your life, and being born anew and resurrected by the Father.

Now let us go to Galatians 6:14 and 15 — the cross crucifies the world to us and us to the world. The world is the womb of our Adam nature. The world cannot know God. It can receive Christ but Christ is given to us as a gift so we can lay our life upon Him and die with Him and be resurrected with Him thus completing God’s work with mankind.

For “in Christ” neither circumcision availeth anything, nor going to church, nor being good, nor not cussing, nor celebrating feast days, nor any such thing, but a new creation.

So, we are living in perilous times. We either repent of all our old life or be cast off on the potter’s field.

Now, let me give you a glimpse into the hearts of these brave generals of the Civil War. The south was so sure God was on their side, but as the dealings went deeper they began to see how shallow was their relationship with their Savior.

General O.O. Howard pondering the fate of his own soul: “The pride and haughtiness of my heart is more than pen can tell, but I believe God will school me, by failures when I act without Christ, by disappointments and afflictions, so as to bring my miserably foolish soul into full subjection to Himself.” This spoken by someone who had a living relationship with Christ. Another southern general pondering a lost battle of Nashville, a Confederate disaster, reasoned in the same fashion. “While God was on our side so manifestly that no man could question it, it was still very apparent that our people had not yet passed through all their sufferings.”

Despise not the chastening of the Lord or think it is punishment when things are all out of control. Know that God is making a new creature out of you through the most awful of suffering, by the fire of the Holy Ghost, by rejections, by misunderstandings, by terrors. We will change so as to become that land flowing with one another in peace and righteousness.



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