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THE NEW CREATION

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”*

- 2Corinthians 5:17, NKJV

Outline:

1. Life in two seasons
2. The Old Man
3. The Transition
4. The New Man
5. Life in the New Season

A. LIFE IN TWO SEASONS

The world divides time into two main periods or seasons:

- **BC** – Before Christ
- **AD** – ‘Anna Domini’ (the year of the Lord)

This is divide is also of great spiritual significance. For the Bible also seems to divide a man’s life into two: The OLD MAN (before Christ came in) and the NEW MAN (after redemption).

The CROSS OF JESUS is the divider.

B. THE OLD MAN [BC]

[John 3:6; Colossians 3:10; Galatians 3:27]

- The First Adam -1Cor.15:45
- The old man (self) – Rom.6:6; Eph.4:22
- The Natural man -Rom. 8:8; 1Cor.2:14
- The Flesh or sinful nature - Gal.5:19; Rom.8:3
- The Carnal mind – Rom. 8:6-7
- The old leaven -1Cor.5:7

Characteristics of the Old Nature:

- Without God and without hope (Ephesians 2:12a)
- Alienated from God's promises (Ephesians 2:12b)
- Dead in sin and trespasses (Colossians 2:13)
- Full of darkness (Eph.5: 8-12)
- Profits nothing (John 6:63)
- Cannot understand or obey God (Rom.8:7,8)
- Opposes the Spirit and desires the contrary (Gal.5:17)
- Nothing good in it (Romans 7:18; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph.4:22)
- Deceitful and corrupt (Gen.6:5; Jer. 17:9; Mt.15:19; Col.3:9)
- Doomed for judgement and destruction (Rom.8:6,13)

*"...You were **dead** in your **trespasses** and sins ...For you were once **darkness**" (Eph.2:1a; 5:8a)*

C. THE TRANSITION: *The CROSS of Jesus Christ*

- The old nature was crucified on the cross – Rom.6:6a; Phil.1:20-21
- The cross rendered the nature of sin powerless – Rom.6:6b
- The cross cancelled all our spiritual debts and liabilities – Col.2:14
- The cross reconciled us to God, and to one another –2Cor.5:18; Col.1:19-20
- The cross justified us and removed our condemnation – Rom.5:1; 8:1

When we accept God's gift of Love in Christ Jesus, we appropriate all the benefits of the cross. We are transformed into new creatures by a new birth. We transit into a new life.

D. THE NEW MAN[AD]

"You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins" Col.2:13, NLT.

- The last Adam – 1Cor.14:45b
- A life-giving Spirit –
- Made in God's image – John 1:2,13
- Has the mind of Christ -
- Justified by faith – Romans 5:1-2
- Reconciled with God – 2Cor.5:18; Rom.5:2
- Partakers of God's divine nature – Jn.3:6; 2Peter 1:4
- Overcomers over sin and self – Rom.6:14; 1Jn.5:4

E. LIFE IN THE NEW SEASON – Galatians 4:17-21

- God's ambassador to a lost world – 2Cor.5:20
- Salt of the Earth and light of the world – Mt.5:13-15
- Created for good works – Eph.2:10; Mt.5:16

- Seeks things above – Col. 3:1; Phil.3:20
- Living by faith – Hebrews 10:38; Habakkuk 2:4

F. NEW CREATION AND THE OLD MAN (Nature)

- Two natures differ: 1Cor.2:6-16
- The raging battle, they oppose each other: Rom.7:14-25; Gal.5:16-18
- The victory of the cross, the cross gives victory over self: Rom.6:6; Gal.2:20

G. NEW CREATION AND THE WORLD SYSTEM (Society)

- The world opposes God: Luke 16:13-18; 2Cor.4:3-4
- The world attracts and distracts: 1Jn.2:15-17; 5:21
- The cross gives victory over the world: Gal. 6:14

H. CONCLUSION

“The new creation is a wondrous thing, formed in the mind of God and created by His power and for His glory...

What about the Christian who continues to sin?

There is a difference between continuing to sin and continuing to live in sin. **No one reaches sinless perfection in this life, but the redeemed Christian is being sanctified** (made holy) **day by day, sinning less and hating it more each time he fails.** Yes, we still sin, but unwillingly and less and less frequently as we mature. **Our new self hates the sin that still has a hold on us. The difference is that the new creation is no longer a slave to sin, as we formerly were. We are now freed from sin and it no longer has power over us** ([Romans 6:6-7](#)). Now we are empowered by and for righteousness. We now have the choice to “let sin reign” or to count ourselves “dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus” ([Romans 6:11-12](#)). Best of all, now we have the power to choose the latter” – **Jerry Bridges**

Recommended Resources:

1. “WHOM AM I? MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST” – Jerry Bridges (NAVPress)
2. “HE THAT IS BORN OF GOD” – Pade Tokun (CAPRO Books)

Assignment:

In a 100 words or more write down who you are use all that you have learned.