

NEW CREATION LIFE

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things at intervals are being rendered void; behold, all things have already completely become new" (II Cor. 5:17, Expanded Greek Translation or EGT).

First, The New Creation Life Begins at the Spirit Rebirthing

"For also by one Spirit we were all once then baptized into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free – and have all been once then made to drink into one Spirit" (I Cor. 12:13, EGT). The Holy Spirit reveals and baptizes us into the body of Christ one time for all eternity. We are born again by the incorruptible seed, through the word of God that lives and abides forever (I Pet. 1:23). At the Spirit rebirthing, there is a complete and total exchange of the temporal and corruptible seed of Satan's nature (Eph. 2:1-3), with the eternal and incorruptible Seed of Christ and nature of Christ. We now have His divine nature (II Pet. 1:4). The light, purity, truth, and life of Christ were exchanged for darkness, impurity, deception, and death from Satan (Col. 1:13) at the Spirit rebirthing. We have received the complete and total Christ at the Spirit rebirthing. When we are joined to the Lord we become one Spirit with Him (I Cor. 6:17). The new creation life begins at the Spirit rebirthing.

Second, We are Complete in Christ at the Spirit Rebirthing

Christ, the incorruptible Seed, is implanted in us at the Spirit rebirthing by the Holy Spirit. Christ literally cleanses and purges out by His nature and Spirit everything that is not of God in the Spirit area of man. We now have eternal life dwelling in us, through Christ, who is the eternal seed of life now living in us. *"And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (I John 5:11,12).* The real key factor for eternal life is having the Son living in us. Christ is our eternal life, and He only comes into us and becomes that at the Spirit rebirthing. Paul says, *"For in Him dwells all the*

fullness of the Godhead bodily, and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power" (Col. 2:9,10). Paul declares that along with and in Christ, comes the Holy Spirit to be our teacher and renewer of our mind, and the Father for communion with through the Son. We are now complete in Christ.

Third, All Things of the Spirit Have Already Completely Become New

Paul makes it clear that all things of the Spirit *"have already completely become new"* (II Cor. 5:17 EGT). When Christ completed his work on the cross, He said, *"It has already completely been finished"* (John 19:30, EGT). The verb in the Greek is *tetelestai*. *Tetelestai* is in the perfect tense, indicating the work is already completely done and finished. Jesus was alluding to the fact, that He was the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world in the heart and mind of God. Now that finished work is completed in His Jesus of Nazareth body. The plan of redemption was complete. At the Spirit birthing His completed work is a very part of Him that we receive. All things of the Spirit have already completely become new in Christ. Christ is our new creation life, in this new shared-life.

Fourth, Old Things in the Mind at Intervals are Being Rendered Void

Even though all things of the Spirit are fully completed, then what about the things of the soul and the body? There is no question salvation is in three (3) parts. The spirit at the Spirit rebirthing is already completely and fully saved. However, the soul is progressively being saved in this temporal walk by the Holy Spirit renewing our mind. Also, the body shall be saved one of these days when it is exchanged for a glorified body a split second after our physical death on this earth (II Cor. 5:1-4). The *"old things"* that Paul declares that at intervals are being rendered void (II Cor. 5:17) are the things of the soul, primarily the mind. This is why the Holy Spirit came in with Christ immediately at the Spirit rebirthing to start the mind renewal process in us. Paul said, *"and be continually renewed in the spirit of your mind"* (Eph. 4:23, EGT). That old computer mind of yours has a lot of *old things*

stored in it. It wasn't swept clean at salvation. However, the Holy Spirit has come to take the *old things* in the mind and at intervals render them void. *Renewed* is in the passive voice in the Greek, which means you can't do it for yourself. The Holy Spirit must do it for you in the Father's timing.

Fifth, The Holy Spirit 's Primary Ministry is to Teach and Reveal Christ

The Holy Spirit has come to teach of Christ who is our new creation life. We need to keep in mind the *basic truth*, that the Holy Spirit's *primary ministry* is to teach and reveal Christ and the things of Christ (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-15). When the Holy Spirit teaches and reveals Christ to us, He takes the things of the Spirit and places them in the mind with spiritual connections to the Spirit of Christ. This gives the Christ who lives within you a mind for expression through the Body. Every bit of light, purity, and truth of Christ that the Holy Spirit renews our mind with, renders void and eliminates the darkness, impurity, deception, and death that was there. *"We ever have the mind of Christ"* (I Cor. 2:16, EGT). How is it possible to *ever* have the mind of Christ? It is only possible as the Holy Spirit reveals Christ and the deep things of God to us (I Cor. 2:10) and fills our mind with the truth and reality of the Christ-life. Yes, Christ really does live in us and is the expression of God through us to others (Gal. 2:20; I John 5:11,12).

Sixth, Christ is to Be the Primary Life and Expression in the Body of Christ

The real reason we are called *the Body of Christ* throughout the New Testament is so that we would clearly know that the expression that comes through our body in this temporal world is *Christ*. The Holy Spirit is the teacher or revealer of Christ to the mind. Christ is the life and expression in the body. Certainly, there is one verse that says, *"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you. . ."* (I Cor. 6:19).

Paul uses in this verse the *phrase "do you not know"* and five (5) other times throughout I Corinthians chapter 6, in verses 2, 3, 9, 15, and 16. This passage is clearly discussing Christians who do not have their minds fully renewed by the Holy Spirit and are

living in sin and have no expression of Christ coming forth from their bodies. Darkness and impurity is being expressed through them out of unknowing minds.

Seventh, Christ Connects Us to Our Father for Love and Fellowship

As the Holy Spirit renews the mind with Christ, the more Christ expresses Himself through us – His body. The more the mind is renewed, the deeper our love fellowship becomes with our Father (I Jn. 1:3). Fellowship with the Father comes through the Son and revelation of the mind of Christ (Matt. 11:27).

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