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THE NEW CREATION

Living from What Christ Has Made Us

2 Corinthians 5:17

SERMON GUIDE

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Sermon Overview

Theme: Everyone who belongs to Christ has received a new identity, a new source of life and a new purpose.

Purpose: To help believers understand the finished work of Christ and live from their new identity through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Key text: 2 Corinthians 5:17

> ***"The gospel does more than improve the old life. In Christ, God brings forth a new creation."***

Introduction

Many believers have received salvation but still describe themselves through past failure, family history, rejection or sin. The gospel announces something greater. Anyone who is in Christ has entered a new order of life.

The new creation does not mean that every struggle disappears immediately. It means that our identity, spiritual position and source of life have changed. We now learn to live outwardly from what God has already made true inwardly through Christ.

1. The New Creation Begins in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:3-6

• The new creation begins through union with Jesus Christ, not through self-improvement.

• The Holy Spirit gives new birth and brings the believer into God's life.

• In Christ, the old order loses its claim and a new life begins.

2. The Old Person Died with Christ

Romans 6:6-11; Galatians 2:20

• Our former life under sin was crucified with Christ.

• We count ourselves dead to sin because Christ has broken its dominion.

• The risen Christ now lives in us and becomes the source of daily life.

3. We Receive a New Identity

Ephesians 1:3-7; Colossians 3:3-4

• God names us according to our position in Christ, not according to our past.

• We are accepted, redeemed and brought near through the blood of Jesus.

• Our true life is hidden with Christ and will be fully revealed with Him.

4. We Become God’s Children

John 1:12-13; Romans 8:14-17

• Everyone who receives Christ receives the right to become a child of God.

• The Spirit replaces slavery and fear with the confidence of adoption.

• As heirs with Christ, we belong to God’s family and share His promised inheritance.

5. We Receive a New Heart and Spirit

Ezekiel 36:26-27; Titus 3:5-7

• God removes the hard heart and gives a heart that responds to Him.

• The Holy Spirit renews us and empowers obedience from within.

• Grace produces a changed life that human effort could never create.

6. The Mind Must Be Renewed

Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:22-24

• Our spirit has received new life, and our thinking must learn to agree with God.

• Scripture exposes old patterns and teaches the mind to recognise God’s will.

• We put off the old way of life and put on conduct that reflects our new identity.

7. The New Creation Walks in Righteousness

Ephesians 2:10; Romans 6:12-14

• God created us in Christ for good works prepared according to His purpose.

• Grace frees us from sin’s rule and presents our bodies to God as instruments of righteousness.

• Holy living expresses the new life we have already received.

8. The New Creation Carries Reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

• God reconciled us to Himself through Christ and entrusted us with His message.

• Every believer represents the King as an ambassador of Christ.

• We call people to receive the peace with God that Jesus purchased.

Living Daily as the New Creation

Know

Learn what Christ has accomplished and what God now says about you.

Reckon

Count the old life dead and agree with the truth of your union with Christ.

Renew

Let Scripture replace old beliefs, labels and patterns of thought.

Put Off

Refuse behaviours that belong to the former way of life.

Put On

Practise righteousness, love and service as the expression of Christ within you.

Questions for Personal or Group Reflection

1. Which old label have I continued to carry after coming to Christ?
2. What does Scripture say about my identity in Christ?
3. Which thought or behaviour must I put off?
4. How can I serve as Christ's ambassador this week?

Conclusion and Call

In Christ, God has given us more than forgiveness. He has joined us to the risen Lord, welcomed us into His family and filled us with His Spirit. We no longer have to live under the authority of the past.

> ***Church, arise in your new identity. Think from the truth of Scripture. Walk in righteousness. Carry the love of Christ and call the world back to God. The old has passed away. The new has come.***

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for making us new in Christ. Open our eyes to understand our identity and renew our minds through Your Word. Break the power of old labels, sinful patterns and fear. Help us to walk in righteousness and carry the ministry of reconciliation. Let the life of Jesus be visible in Christ Fellowship Centre. In Jesus' name, Amen.