

# The New Life

**Intro:** When we are baptized to get into Christ (Rom. 6:3-6 <sup>43</sup> Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of his resurrection: <sup>6</sup> Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”; Gal. 3:26-27 <sup>26</sup> For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”) we become a new creature according to 2 Cor. 5:17 <sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” As this new creature all things become new. We now have a new life. Let us notice some of the new things in this life.

## I. NEW RELATIONSHIPS.

### A. To God the Father.

1. The world looks on Him as an all-powerful being who will judge the world.
  - a. Gen. 1:1 <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”
  - b. Acts 17:24 <sup>24</sup> God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;”
  - c. 2 Cor. 5:18 <sup>18</sup> And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;”
  - d. Heb. 12:23 <sup>23</sup> To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,”
  - e. Rom. 2:16 <sup>16</sup> In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”
  - f. Acts 17:31 <sup>31</sup> Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”
2. The Christian looks upon Him as a Father.
  - a. Mat. 6:9 <sup>9</sup> After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”
  - b. Mat. 7:11 <sup>11</sup> If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”
  - c. Rom. 8:15 <sup>15</sup> For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”
  - d. Rom. 8:28 <sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.”
  - e. 1 Pet. 5:7 <sup>7</sup> Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”
3. We go from being His enemy to His friend.
  - a. Rom. 5:10 <sup>10</sup> For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.”; Jam. 4:4 <sup>4</sup> Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”
  - b. John 15:14 <sup>14</sup> Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.”
  - c. This is the meaning of reconciliation.

- d. It is also the meaning of Christ making peace; Eph. 2:14 <sup>14</sup> "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;"

### B. To Christ.

1. To many He was just a good individual.
  - a. John 20:30-31 <sup>30</sup> "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: <sup>31</sup> But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."
  - b. Mat. 1:23 <sup>23</sup> "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."
  - c. 1 Tim. 3:16 <sup>16</sup> "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."
2. But to the Christian He is their personal Savior.
  - a. John 14:6 <sup>6</sup> "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."
  - b. 1 Tim. 2:5-6 <sup>5</sup> "For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; <sup>6</sup> Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."
  - c. Mat. 1:21 <sup>21</sup> "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

### C. To the church.

1. We now have fellowship with the saints.
  - a. 1 John 1:3 <sup>3</sup> "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."
  - b. Members of that same body of Christ.
  - c. 1 Cor. 12:25-27 <sup>25</sup> "That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. <sup>26</sup> And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. <sup>27</sup> Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."
2. We are now members of the family of God.
  - a. 1 Tim. 3:15 <sup>15</sup> "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."
  - b. Gal. 3:26 <sup>26</sup> "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."
3. Gal. 6:2 <sup>2</sup> "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

### D. To the world.

1. No longer the friend of it.
  - a. Rom. 12:2 <sup>2</sup> "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."
  - b. Jam. 4:4 <sup>4</sup> "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."
  - c. 1 John 2:15 <sup>15</sup> "Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."
  - d. 2 Cor. 6:17 <sup>17</sup> "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,"
2. Thus we become the world's enemy and the world hates us.
  - a. Mat. 10:25 <sup>25</sup> "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* them of his household?"

- b. John 15:18-20 <sup>18</sup> "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you. <sup>19</sup> If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."
- c. 2 Tim. 3:12 <sup>12</sup> "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."
- 3. Try to save those in the world.
  - a. Matt. 28:18-20 <sup>18</sup> "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen."
  - b. Mark 16:15-16 <sup>15</sup> "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."
  - c. 1 Cor. 1:21 <sup>21</sup> "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

## II. NEW RULE OF LIFE.

### A. This is a question of who we are going to put on the throne in our minds.

- 1. Self with its passion and pride and thus Satan.
  - a. Notice hedonism and humanism.
  - b. Rom. 6:12 <sup>12</sup> "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."
  - c. Eph. 4:22 <sup>22</sup> "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;"
  - d. Rom. 13:14 <sup>14</sup> "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."
  - e. Gal. 5:16-17 <sup>16</sup> "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."
- 2. God.

### B. Are we going to let Christ be Lord of our lives.

- 1. Acts 2:36 <sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."
- 2. Acts 10:36 <sup>36</sup> "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)"
- 3. Rom. 14:8-9 <sup>8</sup> "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living."

## III. NEW VIEW OF DEATH.

### A. Man's reaction is to fear death because of its uncertainty.

### B. The Christian's reaction is different.

- 1. Phi. 1:21-23 <sup>21</sup> "For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. <sup>22</sup> But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. <sup>23</sup> For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:"

2. Ps. 23:4 “*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*”
3. 1 Cor. 15:55-57 “*55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

#### IV. NEW VIEW OF LIFE.

##### A. The Old View.

1. Pleasure becomes the greatest good.
  - a. Isa. 22:11-14 “*11 Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago. 12 And in that day did the Lord GOD of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: 13 And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die. 14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.*”
  - b. 1 Cor. 15:32 “*32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.*”
2. Yet, there is no hope, thus a pessimistic view of life.
  - a. Eph. 2:12 “*12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:*”
  - b. Eph. 4:17-19 “*17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*”

##### B. This new outlook comes because we have a new rule of life.

##### C. The new view.

1. Realize this life is not all, there is life after death.
  - a. Ecc. 12:13-14 “*13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*”
  - b. Acts 17:30-31 “*30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.*”
2. Now live to praise God.
3. Thus, we have true peace and joy.
  - a. Peace.
    - (1) John 14:27 “*27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*”
    - (2) Rom. 5:1 “*1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*”
    - (3) Phi. 4:7 “*7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*”
  - b. Joy.
    - (1) Luke 10:20 “*20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*”

- (2) Rom. 14:17 <sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

## **V. NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN.**

### **A. Before we live to satisfy our passion and pride, and thus enjoy sin.**

### **B. We no longer are to enjoy sin.**

1. There is pleasure in sin.
  - a. If sin was not pleasurable, then it would not be tempting.
  - b. Heb. 11:25 <sup>25</sup> Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;”
2. We realize the terrible nature of sin.
  - a. It is an offense to God’s holy nature.
    - (1) 1 John 1:5 <sup>5</sup> This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”
    - (2) Hab. 1:13 <sup>13</sup> Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?”
    - (3) 1 Pet. 3:12 <sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”
  - b. It separates man from God.
    - (1) Sin is a transgression of God’s law; 1 John 3:4 <sup>4</sup> Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”
    - (2) Rom. 6:23 <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
    - (3) Isa. 59:1-2 <sup>1</sup> Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: <sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”
  - c. It causes man to be eternally lost in a devil’s torment of hell.
3. 1 Cor. 13:6 <sup>6</sup> Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;”