

## A New Creation

### Understanding Our Position in Christ

To enter into Bible salvation is to enjoy the wonderful experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit; miraculously speaking in other tongues. Many new Christians, however, fall away from God because of their failure to understand their new position in Christ Jesus.

It is after we are born-again that unbelievers may try and talk the new Christian out of his salvation. An aid to the unbeliever in his efforts to draw us away is our worst enemy - our mind. The Word of God states one thing - our mind often says another! We are told: "*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.*" (1.PET 2:2). It is as we continue on in our fellowship, reading and growing in the Word of God, that our mind is renewed and regenerated and we come to a greater realisation of our standing in the Lord.

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### Time of Temptation

There are those who have had a real experience of Bible salvation, yet do not continue on in fellowship nor do they read the Word. Consequently, when doubts and temptations come along, they are unable to handle the situation. As in the parable of the sower and the seed, these are the ones who for a while believe and in time of temptation fall away.

When we were first saved we may not have fully recognised the magnitude of the work Christ wrought for us, but as we come to fully understand our new spiritual status, we will be built up spiritually and the greater will be our joy and delight in this new life.

Did you know, as a Spirit-filled Christian, you have now become a son or daughter of the living God? As such you are an heir of God through Christ - heir to all the "exceeding great promises of God". There is "an inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away," reserved in heaven - for you!

### A Definite Experience

You are now a new creature in God's sight. We read: "*Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*" (2.COR 5:17). There are those whose minds tell them - yes, I know the Bible says so, but I don't feel any differently. God has said "we are new creatures" - there is no implication that we should be, or we might be - the Word says

"behold" - now! Realise it! - we are new creatures - now! Start believing what God says and you will feel and act accordingly.

Does your mind stagger as you read about who and what you have become? There is no place for our natural reasoning as far as the things of the Spirit are concerned. We read that Abraham staggered not at the promise of God and was strong in faith, giving glory to God. We too must be like Abraham. His believing imputed unto him God's righteousness - our believing has done the same for us. When we put our believing into action we received the Holy Spirit and we too have righteousness imputed unto us. Let us, likewise, remain strong in faith, giving glory to God.

*"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." (1.COR 12:1)*

### **Our New Life**

We may be tempted to remember past indiscretions or even ask ourselves, "Am I really worthy of Christ's offerings?"

We are now cleansed from all sin - our old life was buried in the waters of baptism and we have been given a glorious new life in the Spirit. No, we are quite unworthy of this new life - we did not acquire it by good works or by righteous living. The righteousness we now have imputed to us is a gift of grace - God's unmerited favour to us. We need have no more conscience of sins for we are told the Lord has: *"...purged our conscience from dead works to serve the living God..."* (HEB 9:14).

### **Our Rights**

As sons and daughters of God - as new creatures in Christ - we have the right to claim all the promises of our Heavenly Father. The way has been opened for all our needs to be met, whether that need be for body, soul, or spirit. Sickness no longer has any right in our life - when we were freed from sin we were also freed from the result of sin - sickness.

The victorious Christian is the one who knows his standing in the Lord - he is partaking of the abundant life of the Spirit and is able to confidently witness to others of the moving of the Lord in His life.

If you have not yet partaken of this abundant life - if you have not entered into the joy of salvation - why not commit your life to Jesus Christ. Let Him baptise you with His Spirit and become one of His new creatures.

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