

# A NEW CREATION

**THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME.**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

"I want you to understand and feel what it means to be a new creation. When you place your faith in Jesus, you have a new identity. You are no longer defined by your sin. You are now defined by God's grace. You can now bank your life on having new peace, new comfort, new strength, new hope, new help, new promises.

You have an altogether new spirit, new joy... 2 Corinthians 2 talks about how the fragrance of Jesus' character is now a part of you and reflected in you. You're an entirely new person, with new glory, new righteousness, new boldness. You're no longer separated from God and afraid of God. You now boldly come before God as His son or daughter. You have new freedom— freedom from sin, freedom from addiction, freedom from bondage to yourself, freedom from fear, freedom from anxiety. You have new sight. You can see what you were formerly blind to. You have new confidence, new life, new faith, new speech, new grace, a new heart, and a new future. You have a new home in heaven and a new guarantee for eternity."

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*David Platt*



## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER



Think about something you created or made from scratch. That feeling when you take parts and turn them into a whole new thing, or take a blank canvas and create something beautiful and special. This lesson is about looking at what it means that we are a "new creation." That is anyone who is in Christ is not only being formed into something, but is already something new.

### NEW

What do you think of when you hear the word "new"? What is the first thing that comes to mind? What feelings do you have when you get something new? How long do those feelings last?

What do you think it means to be new in Christ? How does that differ from the "buying new things" feeling? What feels like it has or hasn't changed?

### CREATION

Why do you think the word "creation" is used in 2 Cor. 5:17? You aren't just "new" but a "new creation." When you think of the word "creation" in the Bible what do you think about?

Read Ephesians 4:22-24, what does that teach us about the "new creation" we are?

Christ says: give me all... all of your desires, all of your wants and wishes and dreams. Turn them ALL over to me, give yourself to me and I will make of you a new self---in my image. Give me yourself and in exchange I will give you Myself. My will, shall become your will.

My heart, shall become your heart.

-C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

**QUOTE TO  
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**VERSES FOR THE**

**WEEK**

**ISAIAH 65:17-19**

**ROMANS 6:1-6**

**GALATIANS 6:14-16**

**COLOSSIANS 3:9-10**

