

LIVING AS NEW CREATIONS

Lesson 4

Introduction – Just as a cocoons breaks forth into a butterfly, our transformation is every bit as phenomenal as *new creations* in Christ. In today’s lesson we will look at several areas where we want to begin living as the new creations we are.

2 Cor 5:17 – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **NEW CREATION**; the old has gone, the new has come!”

***MAKING OUR PRACTICE THE SAME AS OUR POSITION ...**

1. START LIVING

***Gal 2:20** – “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, **but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and Himself for me.**”

***John 10:10** – “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I am come that they might have life, and have it to the full.**”

A. PRE-CHRIST → WALKING DEAD

B. “NOTIFY YOUR FACE”

C. WE’RE NOT ONLY FORGIVEN, CHRIST LIVES IN US!

2. OUR WALK

***Eph 4:1** – “I therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.**”

***2 Cor 3:18** – “And we, who with unveiled faces **all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with every-increasing glory...**”

A. EPHESIANS: SIT → WALK → STAND (Watchman Nee)

B. OUR RIGHTEOUS POSITION BECOME OUR RIGHTEOUS PRACTICE

***2 Cor 5:21** – “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the **righteousness of God.**”

C. GOD’S GOAL: CHANGED INTO CHRIST LIKENESS

***Romans 8:29** – “For those God foreknew he also predestined **to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**”

• **HIS NATURE WITH-IN (D.N.A.)**

• **SPENDING TIME WITH HIM**

3. IN HEAVENLY PLACES

**Eph 2:6 – “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus...”*

A. ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

2 Cor 4:18 – “So we **fix our eyes not on what is seen, but **on what is not seen**. For what is seen is temporary, but **what is unseen is eternal**.”*

B. KINGDOM PRIORITY

Mt 6:31-33 – “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

4. KINGDOM LIVING

**Luke 17:21 – “... the Kingdom of God is within you”*

A. THE KING’S REIGN WITHIN → LORDSHIP

**Luke 6:46 – “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord’ and do not do what I say?”*

B. THE KING’S REIGN THROUGH US → PURPOSE

Mt 10:6-8 – “As you go, preach this message: ‘The Kingdom of heaven is near.**’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. **Freely you have received, freely give.**”*

**Eph 2:10 – “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

- **MINISTRY SPREADS HIS KINGDOM**
- **7 PILLARS – BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, MEDIA, ARTS, FAMILY, EDUCATION & RELIGION**

5. JOINT-HEIRS – OUR INHERITANCE

Romans 8:17 – “Now if we are children, then we are **heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.”*

Gal 3:29 – “If you belong to Christ, the you are ... **heirs according to the promise.”*

Eph 1:18 – “I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the **riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints.”*

A. NEW TESTAMENT & WILL – WHAT HE DIED TO PURCHASE HE LIVES TO PROVIDE

B. OUR RICH INHERITANCE...

- Wisdom (James 1:5)
- Clear Conscience (Heb 9:14)
- Divine Healing (1 Peter 2:24)
- Victory over the Enemy (1 John 5:4)
- Victory over Circumstances (Romans 8:37-39)
- Victory over the Flesh (Gal 5:16)
- God's Provision for Your Needs (Phil 4:19)
- The Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)
- Answers to Prayer (John 15:7)
- Fellowship with God and Each Other (1 John 1:3)

6. A PEOPLE WITH HOPE

Col 1:27 – “To them God has chosen to make known ... the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, **the hope of glory.”*

Ps 62:5 – “Find rest, o my soul, in God alone; my **hope comes from him.”*

Psalms 42:5 – “Why are you downcast, o my soul? Why so disturbed within me? **Put your hope in God.”*

A. WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE A PEOPLE WITH HOPE

B. OUR HOPE LIES IN HIM ALONE

C. AS DARKNESS PRESSES IN, THESE DAYS ARE ‘TAILORED MADE’ FOR US BELIEVERS TO SHARE OUR HOPE THAT LIES WITH-IN

Is 60:2-3 – “See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. **Nations will come to your light...”*

CONCLUSION: As disciples intent upon acting out the Word of God (and not merely hearing it) we must **first believe** that all of these points are already ours because we are “in Christ”. Second, we must ask God for **grace to walk out and make our practice** these wonderful things that are already ours so that we can truly begin to live as King’s Kids, and show the world Jesus!

Phil 2:12-13 – “...continue to **work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who **works in you** to will and to act according to his good purpose.”*

