



New Beginnings-Salvation Part 4

2 Cor 5:17-21

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SALVATION
DEPRAVITY
JUSTIFIED

ADOPTION
FORGIVEN
GOSPEL

PROPIATION
ATONEMENT
IMPUTE

A NEW CREATION

- Union with Christ – Being “in Christ”
- Christ and the believer form one body. (Eph 5:29-32, 1 Cor 6:15-17)
- A union that God initiates and in which we participate. (John 15:5-8)
- A union to last through death. We died with Christ...(Romans 6:4) ...we will resurrect with Christ...(Romans 6:5)... we were crucified with Him. (Romans 6:6)
- If joined to Christ, we possess all the spiritual blessings available.
 - Eph 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.*

A NEW HEART

- Regeneration – An act of God where eternal life is given and a transformation from spiritual death to spiritual life takes place. (John 3:3, John 5:24, John 6:47)
- Regeneration sets your heart free to live for God. You are no longer a slave to sin.
- We can now have sincere love for one another. (1 John 3:14-15)
 - ...Because we now have a purified heart. (1 Peter 1:22-24)

- ...And partake in a Divine nature. (2 Peter 1:2-4)
- We can look forward to a Future Glory. (Phil 3:20-21)
 - ...Because we have passed from death to life.
 - 1 John 3:14-15 *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.*

A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- Reconciliation - A change in the personal relationship between God and man from enemy to friend.
- God makes reconciliation possible by His removal of the problem.
 - Romans 5:10 *For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*
- Peace - A condition of freedom from disturbance and tension.
 - We now have peace with God where there was once enmity and strife. (Romans 5:1)

A NEW PURPOSE

- Ambassador - An official representative of a king or government; a child of God.
 - Mark 16:15 *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*
- Ambassadors were entrusted with few, if any, discretionary powers or authority. Everything to be done in Jesus' name.
- Ambassadors could not go beyond the letter of their instructions. Obey God.
- The Ambassador's duty was limited to the delivering of a message and the receiving of an answer.