

# A NEW CREATION

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# CHANGED

- **The Bible tells us that we are new creations when we accept the teachings of Jesus and receive Him into our hearts.** *2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*
- **The change that occurs is spiritual. Our blood is washed and cleansed from sin. This cleansing changes our decision-making.** *1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*
- **We do not follow the flesh any longer, but we are born again into a new way of behaving.** *Rom. 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*





# THE OLD MAN

- **When we are made new, the first enemy we usually have to confront is our old self.** *Gal. 5:17 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.*
- **The old man made decisions based on the flesh, which caused us to choose sin over what was right.** *Eph. 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;*
- **If we continue to make sinful choices after we have received the truth, then we have not been transformed and renewed. This is cause for concern.** *2Pet. 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*





# A NEW MIND

- **Everyone is tempted by their old way of doing things, but we should be able to choose right, no matter what tempts us.** *Rom. 6:6 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.*
- **There is no devil on earth or in hell that can force its will upon us. Our will is our guide and it should remain submitted to God.** *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*
- **Living saved is a choice that we make with our renewed mind, which is led by the Holy Spirit. We choose the way we want to live and God gives us power to sustain it.** *Gal. 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*





**SUMMARY**



**Our will is unique in that, whatever we want, we choose. When free will is applied to salvation, we choose Christ because we want Him to live within us and be our Lord. With this same freedom, we can choose sin as well. It's ironic that when we make the bold move to choose Christ, we feel unmovable and steadfast in our choice. However, when it comes to sin, we feel that we do not have the same power over our choice and something else is making us sin. This is deception from the enemy!**

**We can use our will to choose God or sin. We are only under the bondage of sin because we desire it. Our desires are changed when we accept Christ, but if we refuse to properly apply His teachings and live according to His standards, then the old man will regain strength and be resurrected. This is what Paul meant by dying daily. He meant that he must continuously destroy the old man or he will resurface and cause old sins to war against our new will. The mere fact that Paul was able to choose to die daily suggests that we have the power to choose.**



**Col. 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.**

**Col. 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;**

**Col. 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:**

**Col. 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.**