

A NEW CREATION 6

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Old: I come first and foremost. What I want, desire, and dream is at the forefront of my everyday existence. Because my life was so unfair, I deserve to have my life cater to me.

New: God comes first. I am striving to achieve what He desires for me and I purpose to follow His perfect way.

Gal. 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.



Old: Those that do me wrong must pay. I make sure that they feel what I feel and are payed back for what they have done.

New: I must pray for those that do me wrong. I understand that I once offended others but because Christ forgives me, I must forgive others and not seek retribution.

Matt. 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

THAT GOES
AROUND
COMES
BACK AROUND

Old: When things get hard, it's ok to cheat a little. I can lie and cheat when I have to so I can get by.

New: Believers must be honest and true in all aspects of their lives. We do not cheat, lie, or steal to get by because those are faithless actions. We trust God so our dealings must be done with integrity.

Eph. 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.



Old: I enjoy being surrounded by sinners and those that promote sinful behavior. Jesus hung around sinners so I wanna be like Christ.

New: Any sinner that desires to hang around me is desiring the Christ that is within me. My actions, thoughts, and purpose are lined up with Him, so the only people that are attracted to me are those that the Spirit of God is drawing to Himself.

Psa. 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.



**YOU CAN'T
KEEP A CLEAN
REPUTATION
HANGING OUT
WITH MESSY
PEOPLE.**

Old: When I am angered or upset, I use foul language and gestures. It's ok to react this way when I am angry. I don't do it all the time. People know I'm upset, so they will understand that I only said it and did it out of anger.

New: It's ok to be angry, but I do not allow anger to cause me to sin against others. The fruits of the Spirit have now replaced the works of the flesh so I do not react the same way I used to.

Eph. 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:



Old: I desire sin more than I desire what is right. Most days I just feel like sinning even though I know it's wrong. We are all human, right?

New: Being drawn away by one's own lust basically means that there is something that I am doing or allowing that is increasing my appetite for sin. Because I am a new creation, old things of that sort must pass away. I must not allow sin to reign or rule me, but I must master it.

Col. 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:



Old: Going to church is not important. The same with reading the Bible and praying. I have God in my heart and He understands me.

New: God may understand me, but do I understand Him? Without proper understanding, I could be missing God's mark and not know it. The only way I can know truth is from God's Word. The only way I can truly build my faith is by hearing God's Word. The only way I can maintain my walk with Him is by communing with Him in prayer.

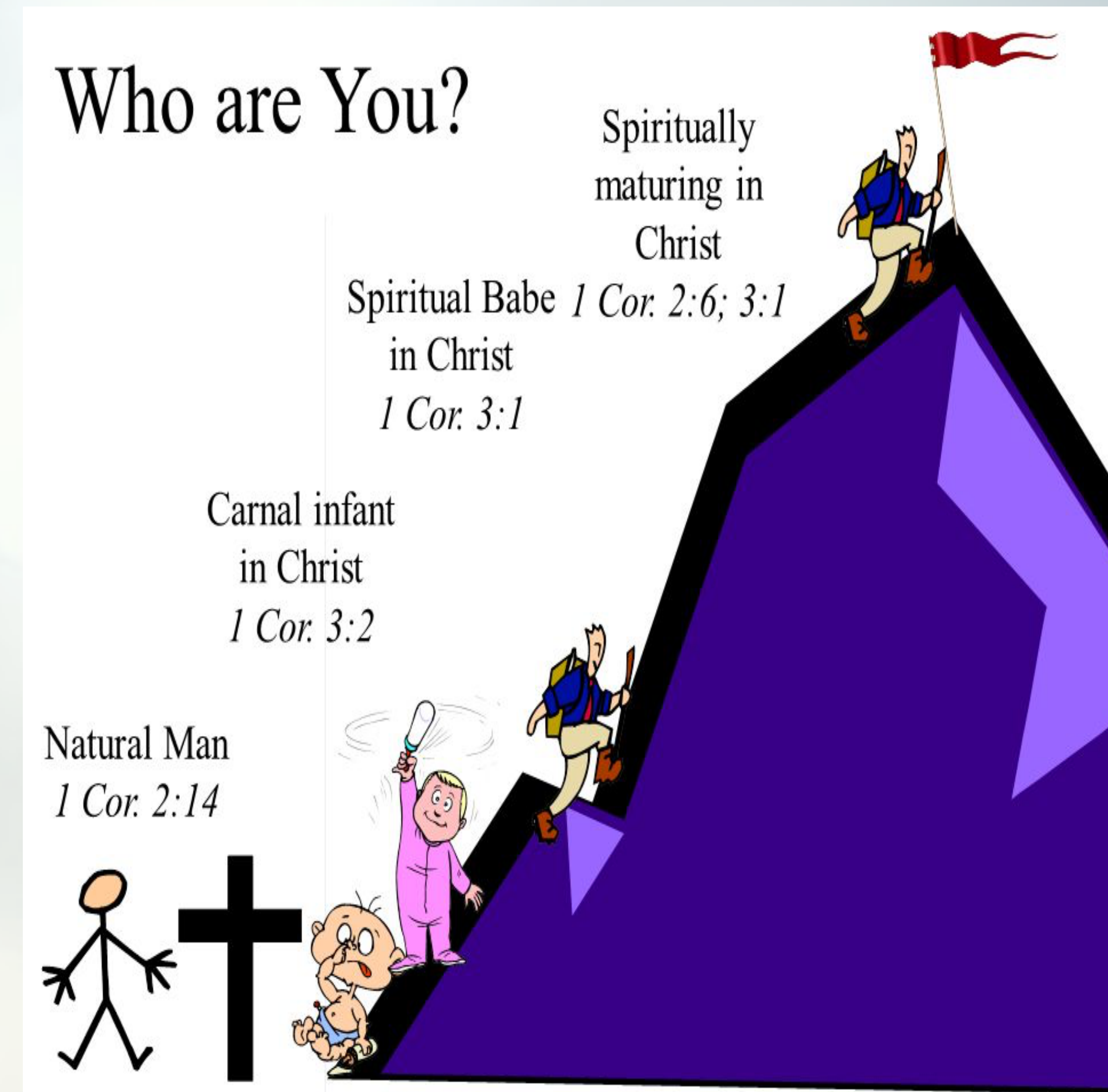
1Pet. 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:



Old: The older I get, the weaker I get. I am growing more and more carnal and my decisions are becoming more and more selfish.

New. The older I get the wiser I get. I am growing in Christ and maturing as a believer. The things I used to do, I do not do anymore.

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.



Old: My past haunts me. The mistakes I made in the past continue to affect me every day. I cannot move forward because everything has been affected by my past.

New: I press forward, for God's mark. He understands my past and I take full responsibility for making those bad choices. But, I must not be prideful, I should admit my wrong and move forward. If I do not move forward, I will fall victim to my past errors once again.

Phil. 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,



Old: Being successful in the eyes of others is a high priority to me. I must have things to show for my success so that people can see that I am blessed and highly favored. This will prove to all my haters that I am doing just fine!

New: The true testament of who I am can be seen in the way I prioritize my family. My family is my success. The measure of every man and woman is how we function in the roles that God created us for.

2Cor. 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.



When we are new creations, we think differently. We handle situations different than we did before we found Christ. We behave in a different way because as believers, we should all be seeking to line up with God's Word and live our lives accordingly. Though we are made new creations spiritually, the natural man's actions, thoughts, and purpose should be the proof of Christ residing within us. We do not do the things that we once did and we cannot think the same way we used to think. Being a new creation should truly mean that old things are passed away and all things have become new.

2Pet. 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

2Pet. 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

2Pet. 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

2Pet. 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Pet. 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

2Pet. 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: