

Made Brand-New In Christ, May 1, 2022

FBC MISSION: Seeking to honor God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus who love, live, and share Him.

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Introduction: What does it mean to be “in Christ”?

Big Idea: You are a new creation in Christ. **Believe Jesus lived, suffered, died and rose again so that you can live out your brand-new identity today, tomorrow and FOREVER.**

1. You are a new creation in Christ

- You are _____
 - Romans 15:7
 - How do you answer this question: Are you accepted by God? Y – N - ?
- You have a new _____
 - Romans 3:23–24
 - John 3:3,7
 - 1 Peter 1:3
 - How do you answer this question: Do you have a new beginning? Y – N - ?
- You have a new _____
 - Ephesians 2:13
 - How do you answer this question: Do you have a new relationship? Y – N - ?
- You are _____ and _____
 - Romans 8:1-2, 6:10
 - Hebrews 9:12
 - How do you answer this question: Have you been forgiven and redeemed? Y – N - ?
- You are _____
 - Ephesians 1:4
 - 1 Peter 2:9–10
 - How do you answer this question: Are you chosen & do you belong to Christ? Y – N - ?
- You have a new _____
 - Philippians 3:18–20
 - How do you answer this question: Do you have a new destiny? Y – N - ?
- You have a new _____
 - Ephesians 2:6
 - How do you answer this question: Do you have a new position (heavenly allies, heavenly access, and heavenly influence)? Y – N - ?
- You have a new _____
 - Ephesians 1:5
 - How do you answer this question: Have you been adopted into God’s family? Y – N - ?

2. You put off the OLD and you put off the NEW in Christ. It’s called _____.

- Sanctification is the gradual process of allowing old, sinful ways to die by the power of the Holy Spirit rather than keep them on life support. New creation desires a relationship with God rather than gratifying selfish desires.
- Ephesians 4:17-24
- Jesus has bought you, ransomed you from evil, and given you back to God. You are a new creation.
- Put off the old and put on the new.

- **Truth into Action: New creation is about IDENTITY. Live out your new identity.**



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: What is your favorite “new” story? (something you have received)

1. The key to understanding what it means to be a new creation is this phrase: "if anyone is in Christ." Based upon the sermon, describe the reality of each of these words:
 - “if anyone”
 - “is in Christ”
2. We are not "new" all on our own; we need Jesus Christ to be new. Look up and read John 12:46, write down and discuss what Jesus verbalized in this passage.
3. Our newness is nothing we have earned or that covers up who we are; we are a totally new thing that God created. What does John 1:13 teach us about what God does in a person’s life?
4. Our newness is reflected in our opened eyes that now have a godly perspective—one that loves people instead of hating them, despises sin instead of indulging in it, walks in the holiness life instead of being dead and stuck in sin. Read Romans 6:4-7 and record what you have learned.
5. Does being a new creation mean I won’t sin again? Before you answer the question, read Romans 7:14-25 and record what you learn.
6. Being a new creation means we get the opportunity to choose. Read the follow verses and describe how this new creation works in the believer’s life:
 - Galatians 2:20
 - Romans 2:6-8
7. New creations are in the process of sanctification.
 - Based upon Colossians 3:9-10, what happens to old sinful ways?
 - What does a new creation desire? Ephesians 4:22-24
 - What does a sanctified new creation do with sin? 1 John 3:3-4
8. Sanctification is allowing old, sinful ways to die rather than letting them hang around (Colossians 3:9-10). Being a new creation means desiring a relationship with God rather than gratifying selfish desires (Ephesians 4:22-24). Sanctified new creations fight against sin rather than giving in to it (1 John 3:3-4). The ability to fight sin comes from the Holy Spirit of God who lives in every new creation in Christ. (Romans 8:9-11, Galatians 5:16-17,22-23)
9. Yes, you will still sin, but the goal is to resist willful sin by being led by the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:1-7, 11-12). Yes, temptations will come, but God promises to provide an escape route (Matthew 26:41; 1 Corinthians 10:13); your job is to look for that escape and RUN FOR IT. And you can always ask for God's help when you feel like you just don't have the will to run away (1 John 5:14).

Closing Prayer: Thank you Father for making me a NEW CREATION in Christ. Help me to live out my identity and share it with others.