

- The Operating System of the New Creation
- **Transformed people transform relationships.**
- **Transformed people transform marriages.**
- **Transformed people transform children.**
- **Transformed people transform business.**
- **Transformed people transform cities.**
- **Transformed people transform nations.**
- *What happened to you when you were born again?*
- 1) My sins have been covered up or forgiven.
- In other words we are defining a new birth by just an erasing of the past
- I did have sin, but my sin has been covered up—which is a partial truth. (white out)
- Devine White out! NOT
- Many believe that God took out His divine “white out” and blotted over my sin, covered it up, so that now when He looks at me He doesn’t see the sin, which is really still there, but He acts like it is not.
- God is like Santa Clause, pretending He didn’t see your naughty behavior,-and then put you on the nice list.
- 2) The new birth is something that has been added to me.
- So the first answer is that something has been covered up.
- -The second answer is that something has been added to me.
- The idea here is that I still have my old sinful nature, but now I have this new nature too.
- They believe they have this ruling sinful nature, this old person that they were in their life outside of Christ,
- -But now this old person has had a holy invasion
- **-“The Eagle has landed”**
- Jesus came and has set up camp inside of you and now this new nature exists right next to each other.-And so the battle rages.
- And so now whichever beast you feed will grow and rule over the other. -It is now up to you
- -Enter in “do it yourself” religion
- The Bible paints a different picture of what happened at salvation.
- **Romans 6**
- **¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?**
- God didn’t come to improve people.-He didn’t come to fix anyone.
- He came to kill them and resurrect them from the dead.
- You no longer have a sinful nature.
- **³ Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**
- **⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**
- **⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

- **⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—**
- **⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.**
- Here's the deal: in **Romans 6** Paul paints a picture of what happened when you were born again.
- -Paul uses water baptism to illustrate this truth.
- Listen to **Romans 6:5** again in another translation:
- **We have been united with Him in a death like His (RSV)**
- **We have been planted together (in the ground) in the likeness of His death**
- **We have become one with Him by sharing in His death...**
- **When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land! (Message)**
- Your participation in Christ's death was up close and intimate.
- -It is a mystical reality that you actually shared a burial with Him.
- You went into the tomb with Christ.
- -Feel it.
- -Smell the dirt.
- -Get this revelation in you.
- -Realize how final it was.
- **When the water flowed over us it was as if we were in the grave with Him.**
- The old sinner that you once were completely died to the same degree that Christ completely died.
- Death to self is not a lifelong process that is dependent on your own self-efforts.
- -It was a final and complete act.
- **18 times in Romans 6** Paul says that you were dead, died or death.
- **⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.**
- **⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.**
- **¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.**
- **Jesus didn't just pull you out of sin.**
 - **-He pulled sin out of you.**
- -You are now the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
- Your old self was not just forgiven,
- -It was annihilated.
- -God sank the whole ship.
- He didn't just give you a **pretty screen saver**-ignoring all of the viruses, porn and spyware on your hard drive
- He wiped the whole hard drive and gave you a new operating system.
- The new birth is not just the covering up of sin -The new birth is not adding on to me a new nature.
- The new birth is bringing into being someone who was not before and now is.
- Jesus parallels this reality to **natural birth.***
- It is described as having been put to death in Jesus Christ.

- -There is a new me that has been made alive to God in every way.
- **2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God,**
- **There is a mystical reality that happens when we are born again that plunges us into all the Christ is and has done for us instantaneously and irreversibly.**
- My essential real true self is totally new.
- -I am at one with Christ to the point where I have shared in and participated in His history.
- -What is true of Him is now true of me.
- He was crucified. I was crucified with Him.
- -He was buried. I was buried with Him.
- -He was raised from the dead to a newness of life. I was raised from the dead to a newness of life.
- We have been seated in heavenly places above every ruler, principality and spiritual authority,
- This is what it means to be **In Christ and to have Christ in You.**
- So that everything I was has been crucified with Christ nevertheless I am alive.
- -I am alive with the very life that coursed through the human nature of Jesus Christ who was God-man.
- He has now made his life my life.
- **-“I have been crucified with Christ nevertheless I live yet it is not I but Christ who lives in me.**
- That is the new identity
- It is not trying to be like Him as if He is the great example back in history or way out in heaven in a galaxy far, far away while I'm back here with my old nature trying to be what I am not.
- Trying to say “no” to my true self and trying to be like Him.
- But rather a brand new person has come into existence by the power of the resurrection and united with Christ and become an extension of the life of Christ on earth today.
- **“I am just a sinner saved by grace.”**
-that will keep you in bondage.
- **You are no longer a sinner saved by grace**
- You “were” a sinner for sure, that is something you need to remember.
- -and when you received salvation, you “were” saved by grace
- -but now your name is no longer “Sinner.”
- **If you believe you are a sinner you will sin by faith.**
- **-You will always act out who you think you are.**
- If you continue to say “**I am a Sinner,**” then you will continue to sin. -You will spend your whole life trying to not sin.
- **You are now a Saint!**
- Not because you made yourself one, but because He made you one.
- **If we’ve been taught that after receiving Christ we are still sinners, -we will struggle with trying to do the right thing because we have put our faith in our ability to fail instead of His work on the cross!**

- Someone said, ***“If I am a saint, does that mean I can’t sin?”***
- If you are a saint, you can still sin.
- you still have a free will to make choices
- Adam and Eve were not born with a sin nature and yet they still sinned.

Adam and Eve sinned originally without a sin nature, and so can you.

- *How many of you have tried sinning recently and it still worked?*
- *Can you sin without a sin nature?*-Absolutely, because you have a free will.
- Sin is no longer a problem for the Christian—it is a result of the problem.
- The problem is that you forgot who you are.
- The only time a Christian sins is when they are deceived.
- Satan to Adam and Eve, **“If you eat of this fruit, you will be like God.”**
- That was a deception to forget who they were.
- Problem for many is they are practicing necromancy—constantly digging up what they used to be to see if it is still dead,.
- -that is what necromancy is—**consorting with the dead**
- **(ILL)** Everyday let me tell you what goes on in the courtroom of your mind: there is the working of the accusing of the brethren in your mind; like a distract attorney who is determined to prosecute you to the full extent of the law
- What you need to realize is that you have an advocate, you have an attorney; John calls Him “Jesus Christ the righteous”
- -if you will allow Him to defend you rather than trying to work these things out in your mind
- -then He will approach the sovereign God of the universe (by the way, the judge is His father) and let Him plead your case;
- And Jesus will let the Father know that what we have here is a case of mistaken identity;
- -my client only looks like the person who has committed this crime;
- -a DNA test will prove unequivocally that he is not the person he is accused to be.
- -New Creation
- **SOLUTION—Romans 6:11**
- ¹¹**So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**
- Consider yourselves dead to sin.
- **Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world**
- *Why does he say that to a group of born-again believers that are a new creation, that have been given as an inheritance the mind of Christ?*
- -*Why does it say, “do not be conformed to this world?”*
- Because it is possible.
- Even though you are a new creation you can be reformed to old ways.
- -Ways that you have been completely set free from.
- ²**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**
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- **BJ--Sin is the third shoe, *what am I to do with it?*** -I have no place for it.
- That is what sin is: you have no place for it.
- If it were just the power of positive thinking it would still probably help a whole bunch of people.
- -Sometimes you get around some people who are negative and since they are not going to put on the mind of Christ you wish they would just get positive.
- -It would help.
- The enemy comes to you in this way to remind you of a sin of your past.
- - You are able to say **"that wasn't me. That person is dead. I saw him he was crucified and buried. It was brutal."**
- One of the weakest links in most in Christianity is the **absence of biblical meditation**
- -which is what takes knowledge and brings it into a person's life until it is not just something that I intentionally ponder
- -it has become a source under which I think and live and move.
- It becomes internalized until it becomes me and I become it.
- Biblical meditation is not the emptying of the mind.
- -It is not getting rid of all these things and sitting in the midst of emptiness.
- God says here dwell on this.
- There are at least two words used for **meditation**; one is found in **Psalm 37** where he talks about the beauty of the Lord and meditating on his temple.
- That word has the idea of someone who is **inquiring**, which is a fascinating picture.
- Picture this: I am meditating in the Temple of the Lord my heart is towards the Lord.
- **Biblical meditation is a dialogue**
- It is, **"Oh God, what do you mean by this; and could it mean this?"**
- -This is an interaction, this is a partnership
- I am looking at your beauty and I'm saying, **"Does this really mean this really mean this?"**
- There is a whole other order for biblical meditation which means to **mutter**. It means the kind of just mutter to yourself.
- In biblical meditation you're considering God's goodness--what Jesus has done--pick any truth, and by muttering it what **you are actually trying to find your own language for what has been said** until that thing becomes a part of who you are.
- *How many of you know that when you're first beginning to learn the truth you have to intentionally think about it?*
- We have to intentionally sing it right in a song.
- -We intentionally quote the Scripture.
- -We have to do it on purpose.
- **Lance Wallnau** puts it until it **"becomes cellular,"**
- -until it becomes a part of who you are.
- -Until it is my normal reaction.
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- This is more than a 5 minute deal or a one time message.
- -This is the normal Christian life of victory.
- **Romans 6 (The Message)**

- ¹⁻³So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not! If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there?
- Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind;
- when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land!
- ³⁻⁵That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus.
- Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country.
- ⁶⁻¹¹Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer at sin's every beck and call! What we believe is this:
- If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end.
- Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way:
- Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you;
- God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did.