

Foundations 1—You Are a New Creation

You are a New Creation –

2 Cor. 5:17-19 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Before you trusted the Lord Jesus, you had a sin nature inherited from Adam. Now that you have received the Lord Jesus, *you no longer have that sin nature*. In Christ, you are a new creation. You have a NEW NATURE. The Spirit of Jesus Christ lives inside you. His nature is love.

What happened?

Our Condition before Christ:

Romans 3:10-18 As it is written:
“There is none righteous, no, not one;
There is none who understands;
There is none who seeks after God.
They have all turned aside;
They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good, no, not one.”
“Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practiced deceit”; “The poison of asps (serpents) is under their lips”;
“Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.”
“Their feet are swift to shed blood;
Destruction and misery are in their ways;
And the way of peace they have not known.”
“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but *the gift* of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God’s Solution

Hebrews 9:22 and without shedding of blood there is no remission (of sins)

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. . . . because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Colossians 2:13-14 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Trusting in Jesus results in full pardon of all sins

Acts 10:43 To Him (the Lord Jesus Christ) all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission (forgiveness and freedom from bondage) of sins.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Grace = unearned and undeserved freely-given gift of God; forgiveness; the favor and blessing of God; and the power of God to be transformed, living by the Spirit of Jesus Christ)

Romans 4:5-8 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

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The Scripture prophesied of Jesus before He came to save us

Isaiah 53:3-7,12b He (Jesus Christ) is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. and we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement (punishment) for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

2 Cor. 5:19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Cor. 5:21 For He (God) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.”

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Titus 3:3-6 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration (re-birth) and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior”

Believing the Word of salvation through Jesus, you are born again

1 Peter 1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

Receiving (relying upon) the Lord Jesus, you are born into His family

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Christ now lives in you

Colossians 1:27b Christ (is) in you, the hope of glory.

1 Cor. 12:27 Now you are (corporately) the body of Christ, and members individually.

Ephesians 5:30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

Rejoice - you have received eternal life

Jesus said: “Most assuredly I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” **John 5:24**

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Romans 5:1**

“He that believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he that believes not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” John 3:36

Summary

1) Before Christ, we all had a sin nature and lived according to it.

2) The wages of sin is death. The second death is the lake of fire. **Revelation 20:14**

3) Because of His great love, God the Father gave His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ to take the punishment for our sins on the cross. Shedding His innocent blood for us, Jesus Christ reconciled you back to God. Your sins are washed away. You now have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

4) You are no longer a “mere” human being, **YOU ARE A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST JESUS.** The Spirit of Jesus Christ lives in you now.

5) You are born of God; you are His child.

6) You are now a member of (part of) Christ’s (corporate) body on the earth.

NEXT foundation – being baptized.