

# The Brand New Me

*The Kainos Ktisis*

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## Preface

The Bible in John 3 tells of the discussion Nicodemus had with Jesus Christ.

*2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."*

*3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

*4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"*

*5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."*

*6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*

*John 3:2-6*

Nicodemus must have been thoroughly bamboozled at this time. He must have been further bewildered by Jesus' words in verse 7 and 8.

7 *"Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again."*

8 *The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

9 *Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"*

*John 3:7-9*

The smartest thing Nicodemus did was to ask the question in verse 9. When we get born again, most of us are like Nicodemus. Our new life is a mystery to us yet it is right in front of us in the pages of the Bible. We have so many questions to ask in an attempt to understand the implications of the simple decision of faith we have just taken. Sometimes, there is really no one who can give us answers.

This book series has attempted to answer the five most asked questions by new converts and even some seemingly "old" Christians.

The truths contained in these answers if properly digested into your heart will produce a victorious and productive life for you as a believer.

For us at Ready Writer Publishing House, it has been a huge blessing putting this work together from the six-part message: *The Reality Of Our New Creation*, and other messages preached by the authors. We trust that it is going to be an amazing head start to every believer that lays hold of its contents of inestimable value.

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## Question One

### What Is The New Creation?

8 *But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):*

9 *that if you **confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

10 *For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

*Romans 10:8-10*

To become a new creation is to be born again. This is what happens when someone gives his or her life to Jesus Christ as taught in Romans 10:8-10.

17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*



## *The Kainos Ktisis*

The term "new creation" or "new creature" ought to read *new species*. New creation comes from the Greek words *kainos ktisis*. *Kainos* means *new especially in freshness*, while *ktisis* means *original formation, fresh*.

If you have a fairly used car and you send it in to a good panel beater for refurbishing, you are most likely going to have a car that looks as good as new. However, even that does not make that car a brand new car. At most, it is a renewal or a renovation. This is not what it means to become a new creation. The new creation is not a repair job. When you got born again, what came into existence is what never existed before.

According to Ephesians 2:10, the new creation is the workmanship of Almighty God created in Christ Jesus for good works. At the time you got born again, your old nature passed away. What we see now is a brand-new person, an original formation of God Almighty... just like a new-born baby.

Let us look at some more Scriptures.

*26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

*27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

*Genesis 1:26-27*

*7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

*Genesis 2:7*

*14 The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.  
Job 33:4*

The Bible is written presented in the Old Testament (OT) and the New Testament (NT). The OT was originally written thousands of years ago in the Hebrew language and the NT in the Greek language. The Bible we read today is a translation into modern languages from these ancient languages.

Sometimes, therefore, in order to understand the Bible better, it is a good study habit to check what the original Hebrew or Greek writers wrote in those languages and you would sometimes see Bible scholars do this.

Having said that, the Hebrew word translated "breath" is the same word translated "spirit" all through the Old Testament. It means that God took

of Himself and put into us. He poured His very life into us.

*45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit, 1 Corinthians 15:45*

## **The First And Last Adam**

Adam was the first man created and when he sinned against God his previously perfect nature, made in the likeness of God, was corrupted by sin. We will see more of this in Volume 2 of this book series. Unfortunately, that nature is passed on to every newborn baby. The only escape from this Adamic scourge is Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the last Adam and the life-giving Spirit. Every single time someone somewhere believes in his heart and

declares with his mouth: "Lord Jesus, come into my life, be my Lord and Saviour," a new creation is born.

This new creation is:

Very different from the old creation.

Very different from Adam.

Very different from whom that person was before they surrendered their life to Jesus.

Are there no religions that can guarantee a brand new life for mankind? No other one claims to be able to give that guarantee. However, Jesus said He was the only Way to the Father. There is no other person who is able to save your soul. There is only one Saviour and that is Jesus Christ.

*6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

*John 14:6*

10 *"Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.*

11 *This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'*

12 *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

*Acts 4:10-12*

## **A Relationship Not A Religion**

Friend, true Christianity is more than a religion. It is a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The day you gave your life to Jesus Christ, you made the most important decision of your life. You made contact with Jesus Christ and He freed you from the shackles of the old nature and He made you a brand new person. He is indeed the last Adam and He is a life giving Spirit.

*10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."  
John 10:10*

The life that He has to give is called *Zoë*, life more abundantly; God's kind and quality of life, which He gave through His death, burial and resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the turning point for mankind. He lives forever. He is alive today and so is the Life Giver to all who come to Him.

This new creation, born in Christ Jesus, did not partake of Adam's sin because it is an original formation ready to live out the new life. Friend, you did not come from the depravity of Adam. The old Adamic life is passed away (not passing away), and therefore you are not subject to the depravity of Adam and his inadequacies.

You came from the resurrection of the dead and you are a brand new original formation. That is why the Scripture below says that the new creation must believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ for that is the very foundation of our faith.

*9 That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart **that God has raised Him from the dead**, you will be saved.*

*Romans 10:9*

*4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,*

*5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),*

*6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

*Ephesians 2:4-6*



## Your Past Ceases To Count

To answer the question: "What is the new creation?" we announce to you that when you came out of the resurrection of the dead with Jesus, you came out as an original formation. The new creation is a brand new creation that does not know the depravity and the sin and the short comings of Adam because it is original! This means that you have no past in the sight of God. Yes, your past ceases to count before God because you became new in Christ Jesus!

This is the story of all stories; the deliverance of all deliverances; the miracle of all miracles. This is the good news. Almost hard to believe - but such is the love of God for you. This is why Apostle Paul boldly declares:

*17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold,*

*all things have become new.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

*17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!*

*2 Corinthians 5:17 AMP*

*17 When anyone is in Christ, it is a whole new world. The old things are gone; suddenly, everything is new!*

*2 Corinthians 5:17 ERV*

*17 Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it!*

*2 Corinthians 5:17 THE MESSAGE*

All these translations say it all. You are born again - you are brand new person! In the next chapter we will reconcile this awesome truth by understanding more about ourselves. This will help you explain why you

sometimes don't feel brand new when your body seems to want to act like it used to and your mind seems to want to think like it always did before you met Jesus and surrendered to Him.

You cannot analyse your new life by the things that you see around you. As you learn to look inside you - into the same place that cried out for salvation and believed in Jesus, you will see and know that this new you did not come out with depravity; you did not come out with shackles and chains, you came out free of sin, an original formation ready to live the live out the new life that God has given to you as a love gift.

In the eyes of your Father, you are now a masterpiece, you are a showpiece and you are an original. You are on display. You are

His pride. You are like Him and you are everything to Him. You are a product of the resurrection. There is no spot, there is no wrinkle and there is nothing that defiles in you because you are a brand new, original formation.

## Question Two

### Who Is The New Creation?

*17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

This is the next question we are going to answer. Who is the new creation?

*6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.*

*8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

*2 Corinthians 5:6, 8*

### The Real You

Do you observe that 2 Corinthians 5:8 speaks of being absent from the body? What a simple but deep truth is contained in these words. This is the root of the answer to the

question: "Who is the new creation?"

This simply means that the person that Paul describes as "**we**" is not **the body** because we are obviously not our bodies. He would not be talking about being absent from ourselves if we are truly our bodies. That suggests that your body is just like a cloak, something that the "**real you**" wears.

What liberty this truth brings! The real you, is not the body that you can see. It also means that your height, complexion, or whatever physical features you have or don't have, do not add or take away from who you really are as a child of God. This truth will liberate you from inferiority and a lack of self-confidence based on physical attributes.

The day you gave your life to Jesus Christ, the Bible says that you became a brand new creation yet your complexion did not change, your height did not change; indeed none of your physical features changed?

*27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.*

*1 Corinthians 9:27*

*27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

*1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV)*

Again in Paul's writings as inspired by the Holy Spirit, we see that "I" is differentiated from **his body**.

Who then are you? What part of you is the brand new creation?

## Spirit, Soul And Body

*23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:23*

Three things were mentioned here: your **spirit**, your **soul** and your **body**. This clearly gives the impression that your spirit is different from your soul, and your soul is different from your body, and your body is different from your spirit.

This ties in perfectly with what we saw earlier when Paul showed the difference between us and our bodies. This discovery is really getting more exciting! Let's continue to throw a bright light on this area that leaves a lot of new believers struggling in darkness.



Can we define the spirit, soul and body? That would definitely give us a good footing to identifying who the new creation is.

Your **body** is that part of you with which you contact the physical realm. It is the home of your **five senses**. What are your five senses? They are the senses of sight, hearing, touching, tasting and smelling. These are the measuring instruments of physical life.

Unfortunately, many of us allow our past experiences to determine who we are; we analyse the state of our existence today, and determine our future, all by the reports of our five senses. We determine our identity based on these inputs and not based on what God says. How easy it is for Christians to do this.

Your **soul** is that part of you that is the centre of activity. It has to do with the **will, emotions and mind**. The will is where choices are made and those choices are made based on inputs received and processed. The emotions are also part of the soul and can often spiral out of control. Emotions are the spice of life but they are not the source of life. The mind is very powerful and it is here that thoughts are birthed, and habits - good and bad - are created.

Obviously with these two descriptions and the previous look at the Scriptures, we can safely say that the part of you that became a brand new formation was not your body or indeed your soul.

Your physical looks did not change at the moment you accepted Jesus Christ and your thought patterns and habits also did not

change instantly at your salvation. So which part of you then does 2 Corinthians 5:17 refer to?

*17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

Your **spirit** is that part of you that relates with God directly because God is a Spirit (John 4:24). It is the part of you that became a brand new formation. You received a brand new spirit the day you confessed Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Saviour. Your soul and your body were not affected when you gave your life to Christ and became a new creation. However, your spirit became born again; a brand new spirit is what you received. This brand new spirit is the part of you that relates with God directly. Your spirit, after salvation is meant to be the driver

of your life and take charge of things.

## **Outward Man, Inner Man**

*16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.*

*2 Corinthians 4:16*

Here Paul splits man into two parts: the **outward man** and the **inward man**. Certainly, the outward man would refer to the body and the inward man would then refer to the spirit and the soul.

A picture of an egg helps take this truths home very practically.

An egg is made up of a shell, the white (albumen), and the yolk. The shell is the outer part and the albumen and the yolk are the inner parts. One could call the yolk, the spirit,

and the albumen the soul. Both are protected by the cloak of the shell. Simple description, right?

"If I really changed and became brand new when I gave my life to Christ, why do I still find myself doing bad things and wanting to do bad things?"

After salvation, you may still find yourself struggling with sin, struggling with lies, sexual perversions, ungodly emotions, and other things that don't sound like the brand new formation that the new creation is. The enemy, Satan, often times through the voices of religious people tells you that you never really got born again. Your heart knows what you believed, yet your head has no answers for why you still struggle with things that remind you of your old self. Your heart cries out for an answer.

Praise God! The answer is simple: If you kept your part and believed in your heart and confessed with your mouth like Romans 10:9 says, God kept His part according to His promise: You became born again.

Though you are a new creation, your soul and your body were not immediately affected. Your spirit became a brand new creation, perfect, just like God. You became a child of God. Instantly you received the spiritual DNA of your heavenly Father.

### **A New Boss**

Do you think your soul and your body will appreciate this change that took place in your spirit? Certainly not! Nobody likes to be given a new boss when they have been free to act as they want to. This is why your soul and

your body need to be controlled by your spirit: the new you.

*27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

*1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV)*

If "I," the real person, the spirit man is described as disciplining or keeping under the body, then truly the spirit man is supposed to be in charge. That is the way God expects your life to be while you live on the earth. He expects you, His love child, to commune with Him as the brand new creation that you are and then He also expects you to learn more and more about Him as you grow as a Christian.

*24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

*John 4:24*

*1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

*2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

*Romans 12:1-2*

Make a decision to embark on the journey of the transformation of your mind and thought patterns, by the truths you will discover from the pages of the Bible (especially from the Epistles in the New Testament) about who you are. These truths will renew your mind, discipline your body and will daily cause your experience as a born again Christian to truly line up with the new identity that was poured into your spirit by a loving God, the day you became born again. You will grow daily in your faith recognizing without a shadow of doubt that



you are a brand new person and that your spirit is perfect.

Who then is the new creation? Friend, you are the new creation.

Proclaim this from the roof tops and celebrate this truth for that is who you really are!

Watch out for *The Brand New Me (Volume 2)* the next part in this book series.

## Prayer Of Salvation

Making Jesus Christ your Lord and Saviour is the best decision you will ever make and Jesus has made it very easy for you to be saved. The Bible says:

*9 That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

*13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*

*Romans 10:9-10,13*

If you have never asked Jesus to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour, then say the following prayer out loud meaning every word from your heart:

*"Heavenly Father, I come to You today in the Name of Jesus. I believe that Jesus died for my sins*

*and that He was raised up from the dead for my righteousness. Jesus, save me now. I confess you as my Lord and Saviour. Thank You Father, for saving me. I am now born again, in Jesus' Name, Amen."*

**Congratulations! You have just taken the best decision in your life!**

Send us an email at [info@thereadywriter.net](mailto:info@thereadywriter.net) and we will be happy to encourage you in your new faith.

## Prayer For The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit

Now that you are born again, you need power to enable you become a witness or proof producer of the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8). This power is available to you through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, also known as the infilling of the Holy Spirit, or the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Concerning receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said,

*9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*

*10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened...*

*13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"*

*Luke 11:9-10,13*

All you need to do to receive the Holy Spirit is to ask the Father in faith.

When you receive the Holy Spirit, you will speak in tongues. Speaking in tongues is speaking in a language unknown to you as inspired by the Holy Spirit. When you receive the Holy Spirit, He will give you the utterance, that is, He will give you unknown words to say, but you have to open your mouth and say them (Acts 2:4). You are the one who speaks in tongues - not the Holy Spirit.

To be filled with the Spirit, pray this prayer right now:

*"Father, I thank You for the promise of the Holy Spirit made available to me in Christ Jesus. Right now, I receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and I will*

*Speak in tongues as the Spirit gives me utterance."*

Now by faith, open your mouth and speak those wonderful words.

Congratulations! A whole new dimension of supernatural power and manifestations has just opened up to you.

Now that you have been filled with the Spirit, it is necessary for you to maintain a Spirit filled life. Ephesians 5:18 says, "*And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.*" This verse commands you to be constantly filled with the Spirit. One way you can keep on being filled with the Spirit is by speaking in tongues regularly.

Speaking in tongues is now your prayer

language, the language your spirit can use to communicate directly to God (1 Corinthians 14:2). Through this means you can build yourself up spiritually (1 Corinthians 14:4; Jude 20), and you can also pray according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27).

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