

The Brand New Me

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Preface

In Volume One of this book series we looked at the story of Nicodemus in the Bible in John 3:1-21. He came by night to ask Jesus questions and Jesus spoke to him about being born again. Nicodemus had no clue what Jesus was saying and the best thing he did was ask the question he asked in John 3:9.

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

John 3:9

Someone else in the Bible who asked a question when he needed to understand what he was reading was the Ethiopian eunuch.

27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,

28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

Acts 8:27-31

Most of us are like the eunuch. We have a hunger to know more but we don't know where to turn to for guidance.

This book series has attempted to answer the five most asked questions by new converts, and even people who have been Christians for a while.

Volume One of the book series answered two questions:

- What is the New Creation?

In this chapter we discovered that the new creation is a brand new original formation that never existed before. The new creation is not a renovation.

- Who is the New Creation?

Here we discovered that man is made up of spirit, soul and body. When a person gets born again it is his spirit that becomes brand new. That is the real person, the part that connects with God.

It is the desire of the authors that this book sets you firm on your path of victory as a believer. Now let's explore the answer to the third question.

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Question Three

Why The New Creation?

An understanding of why there was a need for the new creation will help you place a value on your new life in Christ.

Let's go to the beginning when God created man in His own image and likeness. He made man in order to fellowship with him and gave him dominion over the earth and all created beings. Then something happened. Disobedience turned things around.

The First Creation Was Messed Up

*16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying,
"Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;
17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you
shall surely die."
Genesis 2:16-17*

It is interesting that God did not say, "For in the day that you eat of it you shall die." That would have been bad enough! Yet He was clearer than that, and there was no doubt as to the consequence of their disobeying that command of God. He said, "For in the day that you will eat of it you shall surely die." The expression "surely die" means, "You will die suddenly; you will die immediately; you will definitely die." In *pidgin English* it would be translated: "You will *dead die!*" That is what happened to Adam and Eve.

Spiritual Death

It is obvious that what God meant when He told Adam that if he ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, was that he would die spiritually. This stands to reason because when Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit, they didn't drop down dead *physically*.

Nonetheless, as God is true, they did die, *spiritually*.

Nothing happened to them physically, but something happened to them spiritually, and this was manifested in their fear, and hiding from the presence of the Lord. Thus, what God meant was that if they sinned against His commandment, they would die spiritually.

Spiritual death is death of the human spirit. The spirit of Adam was created full of life, but when he sinned against God he died in his spirit. Death replaced life in his spirit. It didn't mean that he no longer had a spirit; he did, but his spirit was no longer responsive to God, and could no longer emit life. His spirit could no longer make contact with God. He was separated from God because sin had touched his spirit.

Adam eventually lived to be nine hundred and thirty years, again showing that what God had in mind when He said, "In the day that you eat of it you shall surely die," certainly wasn't physical death. Adam died physically because he had died spiritually. In James 2:26, we see this.

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
James 2:26

Physical death thus is the separation of the spirit and soul from the body.

Their Eyes Opened

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed

fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.
Genesis 3:6-7

Another interesting thing we see here in the messed up first creation is that when they ate the fruit, immediately their eyes were opened. We know also that they died instantly because God said to them that in the day that they ate of the tree they would surely die. So there was a link between their dying and their eyes opening. Interesting!

Sometimes the so-called "opening of your eyes" which is viewed as sophistication and social conformity these days, is a sign of death. Adam and Eve seemed to know more yet they were dead. They knew things that the glory of God's presence, while they had fellowship with Him had shielded them from. There are times when it's good to be naive. There are times when it is not necessary for your eyes to open except they

open to the truths in the Word of God, as Paul prayed below for the Ephesian church.

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,

16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 1:15-18

Let's go back to Adam and Eve's disobedience and recap what we have seen. We have established that sin brought about instant death, but we are not told that they dropped dead physically the moment they disobeyed God. With what we learnt in Volume One of this book series, we see that in that instant death occurred in their spirits.

Sadly, this death opened their eyes to the sin nature and sin consciousness and consequently their bodies became subject to physical death.

Disconnected From Source

The most tragic effect of their sin was that they lost their relationship with God. They became disconnected from *Zoë*: eternal superfluous abundant life which they had in God. They became subject to the dominion of sin. They lost their authority to the Devil, and became servants to his whims and caprices just as it is written:

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

Romans 6:16

By their disobedience to God, they inadvertently gave their obedience to the Devil.

Friend, there is no "on the fence," or "half way position," in the things of God. When you do not do things the way you know God expects you to, you are instantly doing things the way the enemy has set you up to. That is all that disobedience actually is - a set up for your destruction.

If Adam and Eve knew this, they would not have committed high treason. High treason is criminal disloyalty. In a layman's language it means teaming up with the enemy against your own person, against your own team. This is exactly what Adam and Eve did. They were the progenitors of the human race and

they sold out their loyalty and those of their unborn children, the entire human race - to the Devil.

This was how the first creation became totally messed up. This was not the plan of God; hence there was a need for a new creation.

An Epidemic

Instant spiritual death and its consequent loss of fellowship with God, is bad enough, but that was not just about all.

What is even worse is that it didn't end there. Adam's sin not only affected him; it affected everyone born into this world. Adam as the progenitor or parent of mankind started an epidemic. Everyone born into this world is born spiritually dead. Through the principle

of identification, every human being was in Adam when he sinned against God. This' is what Paul brings out in Romans 5:12:

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12

The whole human race was “in Adam” when he sinned against God, and when he sinned against God and died, the death that came into him was passed into everyone that would come through him. Thus, everyone is born spiritually dead. Because of one man, death entered into the world and spread to all men.

In addition, in Psalms 51:5 it says:

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

Psalms 51:5

Through one man's sin, sin entered into the world. Therefore, Adam released an epidemic called the SIN virus into all born of a woman. The current epidemic in the world today of the HIV virus becomes a "child's play" in the face of the SIN virus. From the day Adam sinned and died, the Bible says death spread to all men. All men were contaminated by that epidemic.

It gets even worse. There is no vaccine from this epidemic; there is no immunization from this epidemic; there is no cure from it; there is no escape from it; you were born and you had the disease already - the SIN disease. So according to Psalms 51:5, for every single person who is born, death is continually spread to all men.

Brand New, But Dead

A baby is born; everyone is excited at the birth of that baby. What do they say? "*Oh what a wonderful baby.*" "*She's so cute*" - even for the ones that are not so cute. What part of the brand new baby do they describe? It is the body, certainly, that they are rejoicing about.

If they could see the spirit of that baby, when the baby is born they would weep, because it is a dead spirit packaged in a cute little body. It says from Adam death spread to all men. So when a baby is born, it is a rotten, stinking, smelling spirit that is inside the cute, powdered, chubby body. Really the only thing worth rejoicing about the birth of a baby is the miracle of creation by the Creator.

The real cause of rejoicing when a new life is born into the world lies in knowing that as the child is brought up in the ways of the Lord, he or she will choose to make Jesus Christ Lord and Saviour of their life, thereby passing out of the realm of spiritual death into life through the new birth.

The most valuable thing that the parents of a newborn baby can give to him or her is to show that child the way to the new creation experience.

Romans 3:23 (KJV) tells us:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23 KJV

As Pastor Charles would say in his characteristic humour, "It doesn't matter how tall you are, you are still short before the

glory of God." The New Living Translation puts it like this:

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 3:23 NLT

So it means there is nothing you will attempt to do in this state that can ever meet God's standard.

Remember, you are born in sin, shaped in iniquity, you have the epidemic of Adam, you have gotten the disease, you are a sinner and that is how you are born naturally. Without something changing, you will always be short of the glory of God or God's glorious standard.

Filthy Rags Of Self-Righteousness

Every attempt to be good like ensuring a regular church attendance, being a nice

moral person, and so on and so forth, all fall short of God's glorious standard. Just like a corpse cannot get up, go get a life support machine and fix it on himself, that is how your seeming righteous efforts are nothing but filthy rags before God.

Isaiah 64:6 in the New Living Translation says:

6 We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind.

Isaiah 64:6 NLT

Filthy rags actually describe the bandages in a leper's wounds. Just like the bandages on a leper's wound is of no use to anybody, that is how your self-righteous acts without the new birth experience amounts to nothing before God because you are already infected with the epidemic of sin.

You came into this world already infected, and just the way you came into the world and you could not change your complexion, the size of your nose, or your height, in the same way you had no part to play in coming into this world infected with sin. Therein lies your desperate need for the new creation experience or you will surely die, because Romans 6:23 tells us:

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

Romans 6:23

Wages are payment, salary, or remuneration. So as long as you work you receive wages. Ephesians 2:1 reassures us that He made us "alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins." Therefore, when you were born, sin was at work in you. As long as sin is working within you, it has to be paid. Sin does not work for free and its wages or the payment or

the salary of sin is death. Therefore, if you don't want death, if you don't want separation from God, you have to put a stop to the working of sin in your life. On your own you cannot do it as you are already infected. The way to do this is to accept the free gift of eternal life packaged in the person of Jesus Christ, and become a new creation in Him.

As long as the sin virus is working in somebody, the person will have the result of a virus working in him. Each time it worked and effected a work in you, it had to be paid. That is what makes death legal in the life of an unbeliever. It is what makes the decaying process, sickness and disease, death of business, death of marriage, etc., the norm in the life of an unbeliever. It should be considered an unexpected anomaly in the

life of a believer.

If your spirit is infected and impure with sin, sin is working in every cell and every gene you've got, and it has got to be paid, because the wages or the payment of sin is death. Therefore, if you want to change the kind of salary you have been receiving; if you want a change in the payment you have been receiving; if you want a change in the pattern of things in your life, you've got to stop trying to solve the outward problem, which is what every single religion tries to do. Sin was at work in you and you were infected with sin. Therefore, the way to change it is from the inside. That's why we needed the new creation; a new living spirit to replace the dead spirit you were born with. If you do not see the need, you will not desire that change and therefore go for it.

You also need to recognize that you are powerless to change it by yourself. You couldn't do anything about it. The minute you tried to solve the problem by yourself you are going back to the lie that Eve bought into - you can do it without God. No! You need somebody to help you. We have found out that the root of the problem was sin at work in you, then you need somebody who had conquered sin.

How To Fix The Mess Of The Old Creation

The way to fix the mess of the old creation is by becoming a new creation in Christ. We have seen that the impact of Adam's blunder was overwhelming. It made the old creation unable to help himself. There was need for a pure sinless sacrifice to pay for this endemic blunder.

In John 3:3, we see Jesus' words on the necessity of the new creation.

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."

John 3:3

In other words, if one is born again he should experience God's glorious standard; if one is born again he should experience the best of God, but unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Getting born again is not coming to church. If you have been going to church for some years, but you are not born again, today is the day to bring resurrection to your spirit. From the day you came out from your mother's womb, you were a rotten stinking dead corpse, and Jesus said unless a man is born

again he cannot see the kingdom of God; he cannot experience the glorious standard of God. Therefore, it's not just by coming to church.

In addition, the new birth doesn't occur by hanging around people who are born again. Sometimes you just hang around brothers and sisters who are saved so much that you begin to think you are born again by osmosis! It is not by association; it is not an inheritance from believing parents; it's not about your father being the archbishop of a diocese. You must be born again (John 3:7).

The Bible says in the book of Ezekiel 18:20:

20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

Ezekiel 18:20

In other words, you don't inherit salvation.

John 3:6 says:

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

John 3:6

What's it saying? The flesh has limitations. So if your birth remains in the flesh realm you will be bound by those limitations, but there is a time to be born again; there is a time to experience the rebirth; there is a time to get into the spirit realm; there is a time to get into the supernatural; there is a time to operate in the realm where there are no limitations. That's when you get born again. Unless a man is born again he cannot experience the glorious standard of God, but thank God 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.

Romans 10:9-10

It says if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved. As Adam died instantly, so shall you live again, instantly.

Pastor Nkechi received this Word from God as she was studying and meditating on these truths. He said:

The reason I'm not going to leave you nor forsake you is because I love you. I don't want to be away from you. I want to be with you always. I created you to meet My need of fellowship and My need of relationship, and I don't want to leave you; I don't want to forsake you; I don't want to turn My back; I know what happened the last time I

walked away from My creation. The serpent came in, but I'm going to make sure that I'm with you always; I'm going to make sure that I come and live within you with My Spirit.

You can't get away from Me. My new creation, you can't get away from Me. You wake up in the morning I'm there with you; I will neither leave you nor forsake you. You go to bed at night I'm there with you; I'm not going to leave you nor forsake you. Unless you jump out of My hand nobody can take you away from My hand anymore. I'm not going to leave you nor forsake you. I'm not just going to be there to invite you to come and spend time with me; I'm going to inhabit you and live in you and dwell in you and make sure that nobody else can get your attention except Me.

Pastor Nkechi Ene (Mrs.)

If you are reading this book and you have not become the new creation by asking Jesus Christ to come into your life, today you can begin an intimate relationship with God. Up until this moment your spirit is dead, rotten and infected with sin, but today you can receive a new spirit so that God Himself can begin to live in you and you can become a new creation.

If you want to do that right away, say the following prayer out loud meaning every single 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 are now a new creation! Welcome to the Family of God. Jesus is now your Big Brother!

Watch out for *The Brand New Me (Volume 3)* the final 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 bom again, in Jesus' Name, Amen."

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

Send us an email at 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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