Lesson 2: YOUR NEW LIFE

Part 1: A New Creation in Christ

Memorize: *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”* 2 Corinthians 5:17

Introduction: Many people in our world are miserable over the way they have lived their lives. Some wish they could erase their past and start all over again. Remarkably, that’s exactly what God has done in the lives of those who have experience the new birth. This is the greatest miracle any soul can ever experience. Along with this new life, comes new knowledge, new affections, new desires, and new priorities.

1. When God filled us with the Holy Ghost, He gave us a “new” spirit that affected our heart. Ezekiel 11:19 says that He took out the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heart and gave us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The new birth gives us a new nature. However, we can still allow the old nature to control us. Ephesians 4:22-24 tells us to put OFF the former conversation, of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and put ON the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

3. Romans 6:4 tells us that we should walk in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. We are to recon the “old life” as dead. The old man is crucified with Christ.

Romans 6:6 “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”

What will no longer have dominion over us? (Romans 6:14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. As you begin your new life, it is important not to long for those past pleasures that did not contribute to godly living.

Jesus said, “No man, having put his hand to the plough (plow), and looking back is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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6. After the Israelites had been miraculously delivered from Egyptian bondage, they started to lust for Egyptian food and began to complain, being deceived in their minds that feeding their stomachs with Egyptian delicacies was more important than freedom. 2 Peter 2:21-22 says it is better not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and turn back.

2 Peter compares it to a dog returning to its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or a pig that was washed to her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(To read about Israel’s murmuring over food see Exodus 16:3, Exodus 17:3, Numbers 11, & Numbers 14)

7. It is important that we burn behind us those bridges of ungodly relationships and dishonest practices that could endanger our walk with God. Paul said, “…This one thing I do, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14).