

Kingdom Identity: A New Creation

A lot of believers are born again but not living in light of their redemption. It's like having an automatic gate that's functioning on manual. A lot of believers are living like Old Testament saints who are trying hard to be good outside of being regenerated. It's important to understand redemption if we are going to understand living from a new creation reality. God relates to you as the new creation not as a sinner. It's important that we function from this vantage point. You are operating from a life independent of circumstances. This is why we can experience peace that passes understanding, joy that 's inexplicable and love that passes understanding. The life of the new creation has God as it's source. It is God's life = Zoe = the absolute fullness of life. Adam had this and then lost it. In the New Creation we regain it.

1. The New Creation is the result of supernatural regeneration of the human spirit

Ezek 11:19–20

¹⁹ *I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.* ²⁰ *Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.*

The human spirit outside of regeneration is a divided heart. It still has a conscience but is spiritually dead. When you are born again your spirit becomes undivided. Imagine someone has a fiat and then they are given a BMW engine. Sadly some people will still drive at FIAT speed because that's what they believe they are, despite the new inside. Or imagine someone offers you jumper cables to restart your car but you insist on getting stronger people to push you.

Spirit = Ruach = Breath, wind, spirit, mind, thoughts, courage, strength.

The result of this is that we are able to follow God's laws.

What happens to a fiat when it is given a BMW engine? It functions like a BMW whilst still looking like a fiat. When you have a revelation of the New Creation there is no longer a need to struggle with sin.

2 Cor 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Kainos = Not found exactly like this before. Novel.

Eph 3:16–20

¹⁶ *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,* ¹⁷ *so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,* ¹⁸ *may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,* ¹⁹ *and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.* ²⁰ *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,*

The breakthroughs you have are as a result of God's power at work in your inner being. When you know your identity and allow God to work in this manner your spirit man is strengthened. A lot of Christians are weak spirited.

Titus 3:5

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

2. The New Creation is a progressive reality

2 Cor 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Transformed = Metamorphoo = to change after being with. To change in keeping with inner reality.

Your spirit can be enlarged and strengthened.

Your spirit can grow in spiritual sensitivity.

Your spirit can grow in dominance over your soul and body.

2 Cor 4:16–17

¹⁶ *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.* ¹⁷ *For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*

If you don't feed your spirit it becomes malnourished. When you don't do so it shows that you are not spirit conscious. You are not conscious of the needs of your spirit, the new creation. We care so much about nurturing plants and feeding puppies but are we feeding our inner being? You do this by staying in the Word, listening to messages, meditative prayer, praying in the spirit, practising His presence etc

Renewed = Anakainos = to make new again. This has powerful implications because it shows me that the changes are not just slight adjustments. There are new dimensions in the spirit I am accessing each day. Although outwardly we are wasting away its important to remember that what the Spirit does in us also impacts us at a biological level. Our body is quickened and energized as a result. That's why Paul talks about the divine energy at work in him as he laboured.

3. The New Creation has implications for alliances I can have

2 Cor 6:14–18

¹⁴ *Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?* ¹⁵ *What harmony is there between Christ and Belial^[a]? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?* ¹⁶ *What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."* ¹⁷ *Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."* ¹⁸ *And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."*

4. The New Creation has specific works for which it has been rewired

Eph 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Handiwork = Poiema = Work of art. "Created in Christ". The word create here is only used in reference to God doing the creating and building. There are works associated with the New Creation. The regenerated spirit comes with divine ability and unction. You end up praying differently. When Jesus was helping the woman with the issue of blood he spoke of power flowing through Him. Jesus said we must go and heal the sick, meaning there is an ability He has placed in us to do this work.

5. The New Creation is one with God's nature

2 Pet 1:4

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Divine Nature = Theos and Physis = inner nature, the underlying constitution or make-up of someone (something), in this case God. Species. Partaker comes from Koinonoi which means fellowship or sharing.

1 Cor 6:17 NIV

But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

NLT - *But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.*

This means united most closely. This is ONE as opposed to separate parts.

I now have access to things independent of my circumstances and the economy because they are from God's life. I now have joy inexplicable, peace that is beyond understanding and love that surpasses knowledge. Our oneness with Christ has implications for what we can know:

1 Cor 2:13–16

¹³ *This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.* ^[a] ¹⁴ *The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.*

¹⁵ *The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,* ¹⁶ *for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to instruct him?"* ^[b]

But we have the mind of Christ.

6. The New Creation has specific attributes

2 Tim 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Abundant = Perissos = more, greater, excessive, abundant, exceedingly, vehemently; pre-eminence, advantage.

Col 3:9–13

⁹ *Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices* ¹⁰ *and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.* ¹¹ *Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.* ¹² *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.* ¹³ *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

7. The New Creation is based on identification with Christ's death and resurrection

Rom 6:3–4

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.*

- I was crucified with Christ.
- I died with Christ.
- I was buried with Christ.
- I was made alive with Christ.
- I was raised with Christ.
- I was seated with Christ.

8. The New Creation is as a result of our redemption

Col 1:13–14

¹³ *For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,* ¹⁴ *in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Dominion = Exousia = power to act, authority. Usage: (a) power, authority, weight, especially: moral authority, and influence.

1 Pet 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

It's important to know that a price was paid for our new life in Christ. Redemption means to buy back. It speaks of release upon payment of ransom.

9. The New Creation comes as a result of us believing and receiving Christ

As you share this with people, remember that they need to believe and receive Christ in order to experience all these benefits.

John 1:12

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

We are not talking about being God's children because He created us. We are talking about the new birth.

"When God could declare man righteous and legally free from spiritual death, He had the right to impart life, His own nature, to the spirit of man." - E.W. Kenyon.