

THE NEW MAN

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: **2 Cor. 5:17-19**.

B. Regarding the text:

1. The greatest need for our world today is a change in man's character!
 - 1) It is easy to see the evil that abounds.
 - 2) Homosexuality, crime, legalized gambling, abortion...
2. Man must undergo some radical and vital changes so as to be pleasing to God.
 - 1) His relation to God & with men must change.
 - 2) The change is to be complete.
 - a. From one kingdom into another.
 - b. **Col 1:13**.
 - c. **Matt. 18:3** "Except ye **be converted...**"
 - 3) It is a "new birth" (**John 3:3, 5**).
3. Our text (**2 Cor. 5:17**) states that the change produces a NEW CREATURE - A new thing, new creation.

C. What constitutes this change? How do we become this new creature?

DISCUSSION: LET US OBSERVE SOME OF THESE CHANGES...

I. THE OLD MAN IS PUT OFF.

A. **Eph. 4:22-24**.

B. What is the "old man?"

1. "That which is corrupt; according to the deceitful lusts."
2. He loves the world (**1 John 2:15-17**).
3. The "old man" must be removed.
 - 1) **Gal. 2:20** I am crucified with Christ... (put to death).
 - 2) The man is to be buried. (**Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12**)
4. Men are either dead "in sin" or dead "to sin."
 - 1) **Rom. 6:1**.
 - a. Continue in sin = thus, remaining lost.
 - b. Dead to sin = obedience to the Lord.
 - 2) In **Romans 6:3-6** Paul gives a clear message.
 - a. The "burial" is the death "to sin".
 - b. The resurrection is the "New life". Righteousness.
 - c. The "new creature" is raised and must not serve sin.
5. One cannot be "the new man" and hold on to the old man.
 - 1) Some try, but it is impossible to serve God and the world at the same time (**Matt. 6:24**).
 - a. **Isa. 35:8**.
 - b. **Rom. 12:9**.
 - c. **Rev 21:27**.

C. The "new man" and the "old man" cannot be friends.

II. THE NEW MAN MUST BE PUT ON.

A. **Gal 3:27**.

1. Voluntary. We make a clear decision.
2. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ, Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (**Gal 2:20**).
 - 1) The new man puts on Christ (**Rom. 13:14**).

- 2) He is an entirely a new person with a new purpose and new principles.
- B. Col. 3:1-3.**
1. Changes must be made!
 2. Some things must be “PUT OFF” and other things must be “PUT ON.”

III. WHAT CHANGES ARE SEEN IN THE NEW MAN?

A. The new man has a new way in which to live.

1. A new LIFE.
 - 1) **Rom. 6:3-4.**
 - 2) We arise from the watery grave of baptism to walk in newness of life.
 - 3) Everyone will see a difference in our living.
2. A new STANDARD.
 - 1) A new pattern for living (**1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 2:5**).
 - 2) We have a new “set of rules” to follow. Yes, we do!
 - 3) We do not live by the rules of men.
3. A new PURPOSE.
 - 1) The new man seeks to serve the Lord.
 - 2) **Phil 1:27** “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ.”
4. A new FELLOWSHIP.
 - 1) No fellowship with darkness. **1 John 1:3-7.**
 - 2) Wholesome recreation for my family and me!
5. A new DESTINY.
 - 1) **John 14:1-4.** Where do you intend to spend eternity?
 - 2) We hold eternity within our own hands.

B. The new man has real hope.

1. Hope of eternal life (**Heb. 6:19**).
2. The new man possesses the most valuable thing.
 - 1) Salvation with the ability to enjoy God’s promise.
 - 2) **Phil 4:13.**

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. You cannot claim these wonderful promises if you are not a Christian, or if you are not now walking in the light.
- B. Can you see the importance of being a new man in Christ?
- C. The new man has obeyed the gospel:
 1. Hear the gospel (**Acts 2:37; Rom. 10:17**).
 2. Believe the gospel (**Mark 16:16**).
 3. Repent (**Acts 2:38**).
 4. Confess Christ (**Rom 10:9-10**).
 5. Be baptized for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38; 22:16**).
 6. Then be faithful unto death (**Rev. 2:10**).
- D. Please do not hesitate.