

The Christian's Continual Renewal:

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Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17

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

- a. To be in Christ is to be different from what we were before we were in Christ.
- b. What one was before being in Christ is “old” and what one is after being in Christ is new.
- c. There is a change that must take place.
- d. What is that change and how does it happen?
- e. What is its renewal? - to make new spiritually, to make new as if new again.

1. Sinners Become New Through The Process Of The New Birth?

- a. John 3:3-5- renewal begins when we are baptized into Christ.
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.
- b. 1 Peter 1:22-23- the soul is purified by obeying the truth, and we are born again through the living word of God.
²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit^[a] in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever

1. When one obeys the truth, then one has been born of the spirit.-
Hebrew 4:12

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2. The person who is baptized [born of water] and does so out of their desire to obey the word of God is a new creation.- 1 Peter 1:3
Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
3. How so? They have dedicated themselves to follow God's will for their life.

2. Renewal Is A continual Process For Christians.

- a. Romans 12:1-2- renewal on a daily basis as our minds are renewed by changing our lives to the will of God.

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.

- b. Renewal occurs as a result of following the teachings of Christ and the Apostles.]Ephesians 4:22-24]

that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

c. Renewal by putting to death the old life. [Colossians 3:5-10]

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. ⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

d. Renewal By Living A Resurrected Life.

1. Romans 6:3-5

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection,

2. Ungodly lives to godly lives. [Titus 3:2-5]

to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. ³ For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

3. Spiritually renewed every day. [2 Corinthians 4:16]

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

Conclusion: To become a new person in Christ you must be baptized into Christ's death.[Romans 6:3 because of your faith in Christ. Galatians 3:26-27] After becoming a baptized believer in Christ continue to be obedient to the Lord's will in living the Christian life.

Romans 6:3 - **Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?**

Galatians 3:26-27 - **For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**