

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2007**

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE BELIEVERS

Message Twenty-Eight

Their Present—Made a New Creation

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15

- I. The most crucial matter in God's full, all-inclusive salvation is His making us a new creation; God's making us a new creation is the lifeline of His salvation—2 Cor. 5:17.**
- II. There is a basic difference between the old creation and the new creation—Gen. 1:1; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Rev. 21:2:**
 - A. The old creation does not have the divine life and nature, but the new creation has God within it as its life, nature, appearance, and expression.
 - B. The old creation was old because God was not part of it; the new creation is new because God is in it—Eph. 4:22-24.
 - C. The old creation, as an empty vessel, has no content of God, but the new creation, as a corporate vessel, has God as its content—1:22-23; 3:19b.
 - D. God's goal is to produce the new creation out of the old creation; the new creation is the old creation transformed by the divine life, by the processed Triune God—2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 6:15.
 - E. The new creation—the mingling of God with man—takes place when the Triune God in Christ as the Spirit is wrought into our being; this is the mingling of divinity with humanity—1 Cor. 6:17; Eph. 3:16-17a.
 - F. Newness is God; thus, to become new is to become God in life and nature but not in the Godhead, by having God wrought into us—Rom. 6:4; 7:6; Eph. 4:23.
- III. Christ dealt with the old creation through His all-inclusive death on the cross; in the sight of God, the entire old creation was crucified with Christ and buried with Him—Col. 1:15; Heb. 10:20; cf. John 20:5a.**
- IV. The new creation comes into being through Christ's resurrection—2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Cor. 15:20, 23, 45:**
 - A. In His work in His resurrection, Christ rose up on the first day of the week to germinate the new creation—John 20:1.
 - B. The germinating element of the new creation is the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b.
- V. In His full salvation God has made us, the believers in Christ, a new creation—2 Cor. 5:17:**
 - A. The term *new creation* is an expression conveying the plain and real fact that we have been saved to be made a new creation—v. 17; 6:2.

- B. In the new creation we all are parts of the new man, the church, composed of the many sons of God—Eph. 2:15; 1:5; Heb. 2:10-12.
- C. God's eternal purpose is not merely to redeem the fallen old creation but to regenerate us to make us a new creation—John 3:3; 1:12-13; 2 Cor. 5:17.

VI. As believers in Christ, we have become a new creation:

- A. By being regenerated—John 1:12-13; 3:3, 5-6.
- B. By receiving the Spirit of God—Gal. 3:2.
- C. By having the eternal life—1 John 1:1-2; 5:11-12.
- D. By being renewed—Titus 3:5.
- E. By being transferred—Acts 26:18; 1 Pet. 2:9; Col. 1:13; Rom. 5:12, 17, 19.
- F. By being freed—Matt. 1:21; Rom. 6:6, 14; Gal. 6:14.

VII. We are a new creation through our organic union with Christ—2 Cor. 5:17:

- A. To be in Christ is to be one with Him in life and nature; this is of God through our faith in Christ—1 Cor. 1:30; Gal. 3:26-28.
- B. Apart from this organic union, we remain in the old creation, but by the organic union with the Triune God in Christ, we are in the new creation.
- C. In this union with Christ, He lives in us, and we become a new creation—2:20:
 1. Although we remain God's creature, we are nonetheless mingled with the Creator.
 2. Since we have become one with the Creator, His life becomes our life, and our living becomes His living; this living produces a new creation.
- D. In the new creation only one thing is vital to us—the Triune God who has been processed and consummated to become the life-giving Spirit so that He may be our life, our nature, and our everything through the organic union between us and Him—1 Cor. 6:17.

VIII. In our experience we are in the process of becoming a new creation by being broken and renewed—2 Cor. 5:17; 4:10-12, 16; Eph. 4:22-24:

- A. Although our spirit has been regenerated, our soul with its faculties of mind, will, and emotion remains in the old creation and needs to be renewed.
- B. To be renewed is to have God's ever-new essence dispensed into us to replace and discharge our old element—2 Cor. 4:16; Rom. 12:2; Titus 3:5.

IX. We need to overcome the old creation by living in the ascension of Christ in resurrection—S. S. 2:8-13; 4:6-9; 6:10a:

- A. The physical things are part of the old creation; if we desire the physical things of the world, we are living in the old creation.
- B. A Christian who lives in the old creation cares for physical things.
- C. The old man cares for physical things, but we should be the new man living in ascension as God's new creation in resurrection—Eph. 4:22, 24; 2:4-6.

X. As believers in Christ, we should walk by the principle of the new creation, doing everything by the divine life and having the Triune God as our life and living—Gal. 6:15-16.