



A New Creation

Galatians 6:11-18

“Few people seem to realize that the resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone to a worldview that provides the perspective to all of life.

No matter how devastating our struggles, disappointments, and troubles are, they are only temporary. No matter what happens to you, no matter the depth of tragedy or pain you face, no matter how death stalks you and your loved ones, the Resurrection promises you a future of immeasurable good.”



Josh McDowell



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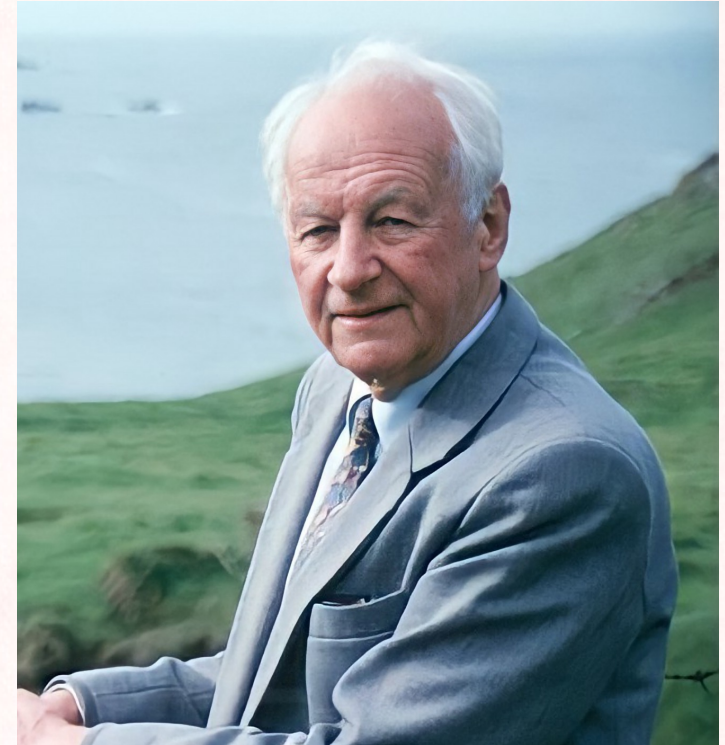
“Every time we look at the cross, Christ seems to say to us, ‘I am here because of you. It is your sin I am bearing, your curse I am suffering, your debt I am paying, your death I am dying.



John Stott



Nothing in history or in the universe cuts us down to size like the cross. All of us have inflated views of ourselves, especially in self-righteousness, until we have visited a place called Calvary. It is there, at the foot of the cross, that we shrink to our true size.”



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1. Boasting is excluded by faith.

(Romans 3:27)

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.



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2. Boasting is excluded by the kind of people God chose to save.

(1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.



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“If nothing in this world is where I locate my righteousness or salvation, if there is nothing in the world that I boast in, then there is nothing in the world that controls me—nothing that I must have.



Timothy Keller



The gospel changes what I fundamentally boast in—it changes the whole basis for my identity.

Nothing in the world has any power over me; I am free at last to enjoy the world, for I do not *need* the world.

I feel neither inferior to anyone nor superior to anyone, and I am being made all over into someone and something entirely new.”



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Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.



What's "New?"

- A new nature
- A new perspective
- A new heart, with new desires
- A new identity
- A new name
- A new master
- A new purpose for living
- A new mind
- A new Holy Spirit within us
- A new destiny



2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



Ephesians 4:22-24

...put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.





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Colossians 3:1

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.



Ephesians 2:4-6

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



2 Deaths; 2 Resurrections

The first death is spiritual. We are born spiritually dead with a sinful nature, separated from a relationship with God.

The second death is described in the book of Revelation, when all spiritually dead people are judged and cast into the lake of fire (hell).



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The second resurrection is in the future, when all who have been born again are physically raised to new life with glorified incorruptible bodies.



Galatians 6:16

And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.





Romans 6:13

Do not present your members [i.e. physical bodies] to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.



Revelation 21:5a

And he who was seated on the throne said,
“Behold, I am making all things new.”



“The New Testament writers speak as if Christ’s achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe.”

He is the ‘first fruits,’ the pioneer of life. He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so.”



C.S. Lewis



Galatians 6:17

From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.



“Don’t worry about the wounds. When I go up there which is my intention, the Big Judge will say to me ‘Where are your wounds?’”

And if I say I haven’t any, he will say ‘Was there nothing to fight for?’”



Alan Paton



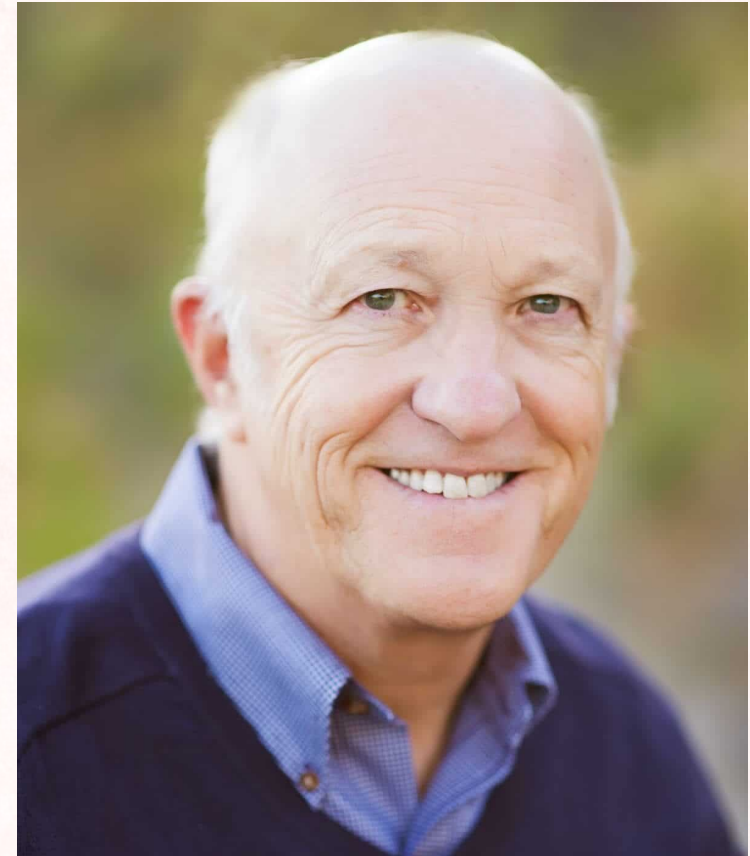
We...

- have been called by the grace of Christ.
- have been saved by the grace of Christ.
- have received the Holy Spirit by the grace of Christ.
- are free from our slavery to the law by the grace of Christ.
- are free to serve one another by the grace of Christ.
- are to boast in nothing but the grace of Christ.
- are to walk by this rule of the grace of Christ.
- are to resolutely stand firm in the grace of Christ.



“Let us remember that the resurrection is a reality that transformed those fearful disciples into bold witnesses.

Our belief in the resurrection – (that Christ died and ever lives) – is what has also transformed us, and we dare not shy away from proclaiming it!”



William Varner



Isaiah 26:19

Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise.

You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!

For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.

