

A New Creation 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Gospel of Christ is the power that transforms our identity.

- 1. We behave what we believe
- 2. If God exists, then He is the measure of all things and what He believes about all things is the measure of what we should believe about all things John Piper

God is doing at least four things in our world today:

- 1. He's advancing His Kingdom on earth
- 2. He's calling out a special people
- 3. He's creating a body of believers
- 4. He's creating for Himself a family

We are transformed into new creatures and everything about us is new and different.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...

1. We're Given a New Heart

Ezekiel 36:26 (ESV) And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Hebrews 10:22 (ESV) Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...

2. We're Given a New Hope

2 Thessalonians 2:16 (ESV) Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

<u>Titus 1:2 (ESV)</u>... In hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began...

Hebrews 7:19 (ESV) ...(for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

<u>Titus 2:13 (ESV)</u> Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...

3. We're Given a New Home

John 14:1 (ESV) Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

Are you a New Creation today?

Are you living out of your New Identity?