



The New Creation

Good morning church, I want to welcome you to our service today. I want everyone to feel at home and comfortable.

We. My wife and I have travelled far to bring you a simple message today, a message that I am praying will challenge you and change your way of thinking.

Did you know that God is not mad with you?

Introduction

Today I want to talk to you about what it means to be a Christian.

Often, we hear of “Christians” that did something that is not considered very Christian like!

Christians rob other Christians, the divorce rate in Christian marriages is the same or worse than with non-Christian marriages!

What is wrong? Obviously, our definition of a Christianity or the way that a Christian should be or the way they should live is not too Christ like.

So, what is the reason for this? The reason is that we have the wrong mindset of what a Christian really is!

Firstly a Christian is not perfect person, only God is perfect, and we all have faults. A Christian does not have everything going their way and they too have or face troubled times.

What is a Christian

So my question today, what do you think a Christian is?

Some might say a Christian is a good person, a Christian is someone who is God’s child, someone who read their Bible, someone who pray’s and a long list of things they do or don’t do.

The most common response I get is that a Christian is someone that goes to church.

With that kind of reasoning then we could also reason that when next you go to the hospital, if you lie there long enough you will come out a doctor! Or if you sleep in a garage you will wake up one day and be a car!

This reasoning is totally wrong and un-Biblical.

A Christian is all the things we said before and much more.

The Bible says the following in **2 Corinthians 5:17** “*17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come The old has gone, the new is here!*”



In Christ

The text says that is anyone, are you an anyone? *If anyone is in Christ!*

How do you get in Christ? You become His child by making a personal decision to accept Jesus Christ as your own, personal Lord and Saviour.

So, if anyone is in Christ or has submitted their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, *the new creation has come* . If not, you are still the same you were before.

In some text it says *He is a NEW CREATION!*

This word NEW CREATION means that they become a different type of person, much like dogs and cats are animals but they are different, the same here, when you come in Christ by submitting your life to Jesus who according to **John 14:6** is the ONLY way to God.

When we do that, we are instantly change into something new, that new creation the verse is talking about, that different species of mankind which we call a Christian.

Note, when you become in Christ you become this new Creation or a Christian, not any time before becoming in Christ are you a new creation!

How can you say that, because when you become this New Creation in this scripture it says further that *"...the old has gone and the new is here?*

Your New Life is here

The old life you lived before meeting and accepting Jesus Christ has died, Paul calls this the Old Man, because you have become a new person in and through Jesus Christ.

This concept of the old way of doing things and changing your life in a way that you now stop that old lifestyle and choose the new life in Jesus Christ is call repentance.

Once I walked down this path, I walked into Jesus Christ and now I am walking with Him following in another better path.

And this New Creation we are talking about is what the Bible means when it talks about a Christian.

You see being a Christian is nothing about what you do but all about what Jesus Christ already did for you and me on the Cross of Calvary.

Being a Christian means that I have submitted my life to Jesus Christ and now I am walking in a relationship with Him, I talk to Him, I work with Him, I attend church because He is there, and I love Him – it is all about a relationship!

But it does not stop there.



Reconciliator

You see in the next verse, verse 18 it says *"¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:"*

When you become this New Creation in Jesus Christ, God has reconciled you to Himself through Jesus Christ and most importantly God has commissioned you to be a reconciler of people to God and the next verse says exactly that.

"¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

God has already reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sin against them.

Wow! Now you can understand why I said in my opening, that God is MAD AT YOU!

He is NOT CROSS with you! He does not have you in His cross hairs to destroy you but rather to bring you into reconciliation with Him through the Way he made and that was Jesus Christ.

God is doing everything through Jesus Christ, He forgave your sin through Jesus Christ, He reconciled you to Himself through Jesus Christ.

Did you know that when Jesus Christ hung on the Cross of Calvary it was for you and your sin and also the sin of the entire mankind, but it means nothing unless you accept and received Jesus Christ death on the Cross for yourself and become reconciled with God by having your sins removed by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ!

And when you do this, you are commissioned to tell other about the Good News to conciliate them with God through Jesus Christ!

God's Ambassadors

When you accept this commission, you become God's Ambassador to reconcile mankind to Him through Jesus Christ.

It says in verse 20, *"²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."*

Let us look at an Ambassador.

- Does an Ambassador say what he wants, no he/she says what his country wants him to say?
- Does an Ambassador do what he wants, no he does what the country wants.
- Does an Ambassador promote his agenda, no he promotes the country's agenda?

The Benefits of being an Ambassador

- An Ambassador's housing is taken care of by the country he represents



- An Ambassador drives a car or he has a Shaffer that drives him around in a car that the country supplies and they pay for the fuel and insurance too.
- An Ambassador eats food that the country supplies him
- An Ambassador is paid by the country to work in a foreign country

And a lot more, did you know that **Matthew 6:25-34** tells us that we do not need to worry about anything, and that if we put the kingdom of God first, He will supply all our needs?

The Message

And the one message we need to give to a dying world where we are Ambassadors in, is found in verse 21, ***21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.***

That God made Jesus Christ the perfect man who had not sin, to become or have our sin place on Him, the sin of every person that has or will ever live on this earth, Jesus paid the full price for our sin at the Cross of Calvary.

That is the reason why the Cross of Calvary was such a glory, ugly place, Isaiah says that Jesus Christ was so beaten that He was not recognisable as a man. He hung on the Cross naked, and God place ALL SIN on Him, and Jesus Christ paid the full price for sin forever!

Why, so that we might become the righteousness of God, in other words we might have the right to stand in the presence of God.

What a truly amazing passage of scripture filled with such great riches and today we only scratched the surface and I trust this has opened your eyes to the Word of God.

Conclusion

Let us bow our heads.

Jesus Christ came to this earth to live the perfect life without any sin, so that God could place the sin of mankind on Jesus Christ at the Cross of Calvary so that every human being can have Salvation and have the right to stand in the presence of God.

Today there are two type of people here, those who have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ and have had their sin debt removed and those whose sin debt has not been removed and you stand condemned already!

Hebrews 9:27, says it is appointed for man to die once then the judgement, what judgement? The judgment of whether you are reconciled with God or not which will determine where you will spend eternity!

While everyone's eyes are closed and our heads are bowed, I want to invite you today, if you have not been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour OR you are unsure if you are reconciled, I want you to raise your hand and say yes I want to be reconciled with God, through accepting Jesus Christ as



my Saviour and have my sin debt removed today, and shortly we will pray a prayer together to accept Jesus Christ!

Let's pray