

# New in Christ

## Discovering the Adventure of New Life in Christ

Your response to follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord is the most significant choice you will ever make. The Bible says concerning each person who has faith in Christ: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). **You are a new creation!**

To help you understand what it means to be a new creation, we've designed this brief study for you. By completing it you will learn...

- ❖ **Who is a Christian.**
- ❖ **How to know that you have eternal life.**
- ❖ **What changed when you confessed faith in Christ.**
- ❖ **Where your feelings fit in with faith.**

We believe you will find these discoveries encouraging and challenging. Welcome to the adventure of new life in Jesus Christ!

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### What's New?

It is easy to see and measure "newness" in the physical world. We will notice a different hair color, a shiny new car, a stylish new piece of furniture. But in the spiritual realm, newness may be less obvious.

How does the Bible describe the "newness" of a believer in Jesus Christ? (John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:23)

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The expression "born again" literally means to be given new life from above. It is conception of spiritual life resulting from God's supernatural action. We are not necessarily a Christian because we believe in God, because we are basically a good person, or because we attend church and pray often. These are false assurances. Rather, **God makes us new when we believe in and confess faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior from sin.**

What are new Christians called in 1 Peter 2:2? \_\_\_\_\_

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What thoughts does this metaphor bring to your mind about a new believer's spiritual life in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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Now look up the "new creation" verse in your own Bible (2 Corinthians 5:17). What has "passed away"?

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What has come in its place? \_\_\_\_\_

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When the Bible says "the new has come," it means some very significant and meaningful changes have occurred in how you experience life, both now and eternally. Let's consider four such changes. Identify the change mentioned in each of the following references in your Bible, then write that change in the space provided.

**Change #1** (Colossians 2:13): \_\_\_\_\_

What has God done to make this possible? (2 Cor. 5:21)

What is one result of this change? (Romans 8:1) \_\_\_\_\_

**Change #2** (John 1:12): \_\_\_\_\_

What were you before you believed in and confessed faith in Jesus as your Savior from sin? (Ephesians 2:19)

**Change #3** (1 John 5:11-13): \_\_\_\_\_

Highlight or circle the word “know” in the above passage as a constant reminder that you have the certainty of eternal life through your faith in Jesus Christ.

Complete the following passage (John 3:16) by writing your first name in each blank: “For God so loved \_\_\_\_\_ that He gave His one and only Son, that if \_\_\_\_\_ believes in Him, \_\_\_\_\_ shall not perish but **have eternal life.**”

**Change #4** (John 14:16, 17): \_\_\_\_\_

As a result of this truth, to whom do you belong? \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 Corinthians 6:19) \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary:** As a result of your faith response to trust Jesus Christ to be your Savior and Lord, God supernaturally made several things new in your life:

1. All your sins are forgiven—you need no longer fear God’s judgment.
2. You are a child of God, a new creation adopted into the family of God.
3. You have received the free gift of eternal life.
4. God the Holy Spirit lives within you to be your guide and helper.

## What’s True?

**B**eing a Christian is exciting and very meaningful. But sometimes you will not feel a close personal relationship with Jesus. At such times it is important to recognize the difference between facts and feelings.

In the questions you completed in the “What’s New?” section, where did you discover what new changes have come into your life? \_\_\_\_\_

In reality, whose words are recorded in the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16a; 1 Thessalonians 2:13)? \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible is God’s Word to man. Can or does God lie (Titus 1:2)? \_\_\_\_\_

If God cannot lie, and if His words are recorded in the Bible, we can be certain that His promises recorded in the Bible are true.

### Read Revelation 3:20.

Who is knocking? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the door at which he is knocking? \_\_\_\_\_

What must we do in response to his knocking?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you done that? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Jesus promise to do in response to your hearing and opening your heart to him? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this promise true? \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

Because this promise is true, where is Jesus right now? \_\_\_\_\_

## Read I John 1:9.

What are we told to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you done that? \_\_\_\_\_

What does God promise to do if we follow these instructions?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is this promise true? \_\_\_\_\_ How do you know?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Then what is the condition of **your** sins right now? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

As you proceed in your Christian life, it is important to base your faith on **facts** rather than **feelings**. Granted, emotions have an important place in the Christian experience. However, it is equally important for emotions to be in proper relationship to facts and faith. The proper order is: **FACTS** ➤ **FAITH** ➤ **FEELINGS**.

Do not depend upon feelings or you will experience a spiritual roller coaster. The promise of God's Word, not your feelings, is your authority. If you place your faith in the faithfulness of God Himself and the trustworthiness of His Word, you will go through each day with stability. Likewise, confidence in your salvation and eternal life is based on the facts of God's Word.

## What Now?

**A**ccording to the Bible, our spiritual newness is a fact. But it's something of which we have to be reminded. Why? When a cocoon bursts, and the caterpillar that formed it emerges transformed, it doesn't have to learn to fly. The butterfly waits briefly for the sun to dry its wings, and then launches into flight.

But you and I have to learn. In Christ we're transformed, yes. But we still must learn to fly.

Tragically some Christians have never stretched their wings. They've never launched themselves into their new life. They've never learned how God's statement, "all things are new," can be realized in them.\*

That's why continuing this Bible study is so important for you. Jesus said that he came so you might experience abundant life (John 10:10). And you will grow in relationship with him as you fill your mind with His Word.

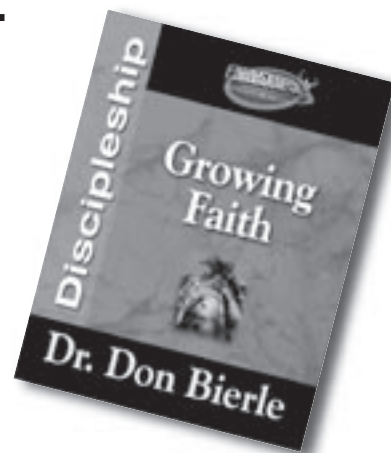
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\*From Larry Richards, *Born to Gro*

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2 Corinthians 5:17



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