

A New Creature In Christ

This post serves two purposes: A. To touch on one of the greatest blessed truths concerning a believer, that being a 'new creature' in Christ. B. To prove rhyme & reason in a King James Bible.

Ever dream of a new beginning or start in life? Ashamed of a few things in your past or present and don't like the direction you're headed in? Questioning eternal values or destiny?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

...And such WERE some of YOU: but YE are washed... sanctified... justified... in the name of the Lord Jesus

This blessed truth for a believer today WASN'T a reality under law... "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts 13:39

...ARE justified from ALL THINGS, from which YE COULD NOT be justified BY THE LAW OF MOSES

Certain doctrines are easily verbalized, but hard to explain and seemingly difficult to sense in a Christian's life's experience at times. For instance, Paul states that a believer is a 'new creature' in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

...Therefore IF any man be IN CHRIST, he is a NEW CREATURE

Many translations don't like the word 'creature' being used in this context, so substitute the word 'creation' in 'correcting' it (ESV; NET; NIV; NKJV; NRSV; NWT; WEB; & others).

In a KJB, the word 'creature' is found 15 times in the O.T. (Ge 1:20-21,24; Ge 2:19; Ge 9:10,12,15-16; Le 11:46; Eze 1:20-22; Eze 10:15,17,20), 13 times in the N.T. (Mr 16:15; Ro 1:25; Ro 8:19-21,39; 2Co 5:17; Ga 6:15; Col 1:15,23; 1Ti 4:4; Heb 4:13; Re 5:13) and very revealing as to giving meaning. First mentions are valuable in studying most subjects in the Bible and the following verses are extracted from both Testaments in helping give definition:

Genesis 1:20-21 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. 21 And God

created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

...the MOVING CREATURE that hath LIFE
...every LIVING CREATURE that MOVETH

Genesis 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

...whatsoever Adam called every LIVING CREATURE, that was the name thereof

Ezekiel 1:20-22 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

...for the SPIRIT of the LIVING CREATURE was in the wheels
...the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the LIVING CREATURE was as the colour of the terrible crystal

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every CREATURE.

...preach the gospel to every CREATURE

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

...served the CREATURE more than the Creator

Romans 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

...nor any other CREATURE

Hebrews 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

...Neither is there any CREATURE that is not manifest in his sight

Revelation 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

...every CREATURE which is in heaven... on the earth... under the earth... in the sea

Under the O.T., the adjective 'moving' is used in first occurrence as the adjective 'living' is associated with all others. In the N.T., the word 'creature' is found 13 times and simply references something that is real or has life. In other words... in a KJB, if any man be in Christ, he is a NEW (MOVING/LIVING) CREATURE going forward and behold... ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW in the eyes of God! Old things are passed away! Leave the King James Bible alone as it will explain itself with rhyme & reason! "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:2.

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...IF... IN CHRIST... NEW CREATURE... OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY... ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW

Galatians 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

...IN CHRIST JESUS... BUT A NEW CREATURE

On the other hand, the word 'creation' is found but six (6) times in the KJB; all in the N.T. (Mr 10:6; Mr 13:19; Ro 1:20; 2Pe 3:4; Re 3:14). All but one reflects back to creation and the other one (Rom 8:22) to the creation collectively... "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." Romans 8:22

Each & everyone of us falls into one of two categories... a creature as part of creation or a NEW MOVING/LIVING creature IN CHRIST... "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

...Therefore IF ANY MAN be IN CHRIST, HE is a NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS are PASSED AWAY; behold, ALL THINGS are BECOME NEW