

May 13 – Becoming New – 2 Corinthians 5

# New Creation

Corinth with Acrocorinth, 1847  
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## 1 Corinthians

*chapter*

## from Ephesus

- |           |  |      |                              |
|-----------|--|------|------------------------------|
| 1. Mar 4  | United in Christ                       | 1    | No Divisions – Wisdom of God |
| 2. Mar 11 | Glorifying God                         | 6    | Bought with a Price          |
| 3. Mar 18 | Keeping Commitments                    | 7    | Marriage for Life in Love    |
| 5. Mar 25 | Influencing for Christ                 | 9-10 | All Things to All People     |
| 6. Apr 1  | Easter Sunday – Sunrise Easter Service |      |                              |
| 7. Apr 8  | Remembering the Sacrifice              | 11   | Examine Oneself              |
| 8. Apr 15 | Serving God's People                   | 12   | Gifts of Same Spirit & Lord  |
| 8. Apr 22 | Understanding Love                     | 13   | Greatest of These Is LOVE    |

## 2 Corinthians

*chapter*

## from Macedonia

- |              |                        |       |                             |
|--------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 9. Apr 29    | Enjoying God's Comfort | 1     | Afflicted for Your Comfort  |
| 10. May 6    | Displaying the Gospel  | 4     | Light Shone in Our Hearts   |
| ★ 11. May 13 | Becoming New           | 5-6   | In Christ – a New Creation  |
| 12. May 20   | Giving Faithfully      | 9     | Ministry to the Saints      |
| 13. May 27   | Finding Strength       | 12-13 | When Weak, then I Am Strong |





## Theme

**Believers faithfully represent Christ by living as new creations reconciled to Him.**

**5:1-10 Earthy Tent vs Eternal House ... Live by Faith**

**5:11-15 Out of Mind – Right Mind ... Christ's Love Compels Us**

**5:16-17 *Reborn* – In Christ ... a New Creation**

**5:18-21 *Reconciled* – Ministry of Reconciliation ... Ambassadors**

**6:1-2 *Ready* – Not in Vanity ... Now Is Day of Salvation**



**Key Verse – 2 Cor. 5:17**

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be in Christ,  
he is a new creation:**

**OLD things are passed away; behold,  
all things are become NEW.**



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Alternate Title

You Now New

Creation



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**Alternate Title #2**



**Zero Hour**

**when TIME Changed**

**Forever After**





Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892), in July of 1869

started his message on **2 Cor. 5:17** thusly:



Human teachers are given to verbiage ...

but the Lord ... writeth as it were in shorthand....

One single grain of the precious gold of Scripture may  
be beaten out into ACRES OF HUMAN GOLD LEAF....

A few books are precious as silver, fewer still are golden;  
but God's Book hath a BANK NOTE in every SYLLABLE,  
and the worth of its sentences ... not possible for  
mortal intellect to calculate.



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**Last week ... finished w 4:17, Eternal Weight of Glory**

**Last verse of chapter being 4:18**

**<sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen,  
but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary,  
but what is unseen is E T E R N A L.**



## Seeing the Unseen ... Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-92)

*Lectures to My Students*, Vol. 2 (London, Passmore & Alabaster, 1893).

So creation, providence, and history, are all books which God has written for those to read who have eyes ... ears to hear his voice in them ... that they may see something of God therein....

What he made with his Word has a similarity to the Word itself by which he made it;

the visible is the symbol of the invisible, because the same thought of God runs through it all.





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There is a touch of the divine finger  
in all that God has made;  
so that the things which are apparent to our  
senses have certain resemblances to the  
things which do not appear.

That which can be seen, and tasted, and touched, and  
handled, is meant to be to us the outward and visible  
sign of a something which we find in the Word of God,



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and in our spiritual experience, which is the inward and the spiritual grace;

so that there is nothing forced & unnatural in bringing nature to illustrate grace;

it was ordained of God for that very purpose.

Range over whole of creation for your similes....

If you keep your eyes open, you will not see even a DOG following his master, nor a MOUSE peeping up from his hole

... without getting something to weave into your sermons





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***Then ... Spurgeon gives you a soft example:***

**When you go home tonight, and sit by your fireside,  
you ought not to be able to take up your domestic cat  
without finding that which will furnish you with an illustration.**

**How soft are kitty's pads, and yet, in a moment,  
if she is angered, how sharp will be her claws.**

**An Unseen  
Meaning?**

**How like to temptation, soft and gentle when first it cometh ...  
but how deadly, how damnable  
the wounds it causeth ere long!**

**To See the Unseen – EVERYWHERE**



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Tied to what is UNSEEN ... and ETERNAL

Chapter 5 continues ... our earthly tent will perish

<sup>1</sup> we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven,  
not built by human hands

5:2-6 ... we **GROAN** ... preferring to be away with the Lord





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Tied to what is **UNSEEN** ... and **ETERNAL**

5:7, **For we live by faith, not by sight**

Closing this section on **Old vs. New ... Earthly vs. Eternal**

5:10, **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.**



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Then a small interlude ... *Paul Getting his Mind Right*

5:11-12, Paul essentially says,

**“You’all ... we’re just PLAIN folks!”**

Then in verses 13-15 ... goodness ... **WHAT CAN WE SAY?**





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In verses 13-15 ... what CAN we say?

Not really sublime ... or as supernal as so many of Paul's  
HIGH and LOFTY words that help us touch HEAVEN  
But these are ... surely they are **exquisitely EARTHY**



**Verses 5:13-15 ... exquisitely earthy interlude ...**

**<sup>13</sup> If we are “out of our mind,”**

**as some say, it is for God;**

**if we are in our right mind, it is for you.**

**<sup>14</sup> For Christ’s love compels us,**

**because we are convinced that one died for all,**

**and therefore all died.**

**<sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live**

**should no longer live for themselves**

**but for HIM who died for them and was raised again.**

**Now to Paul’s Purpose**



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5:16-17 **Reborn – In Christ ... a New Creation**

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.

Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone be in Christ,

**He is a NEW CREATION:**

*OLD* things have passed away,  
behold, all things are become *NEW*!

“New Creation”? ... and “All things Are Become New”?

**What does this mean?**



**5:16-17 Reborn – In Christ ... a New Creation**

**New Creation ... THE difference between**

## **Old & New Testaments**

**Not just your “old life” and your “new life”**

**When does “All Things Are Become New” *MEAN* ?**

**“When?” I ask ... the precise HOUR?**

- ✓ **When Jesus said, “It is FINISHED”?**
- ✓ **When God tore the Temple curtain in two?**
- ✓ **When Christ was raised from the dead?**
- ✓ **When Christ ascended to Heaven to God’s right hand?**



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# What IS the Old Testament ... Old Covenant

that is: **COVENANTS ...**

- ✓ Adam            Don't Eat of One Tree
- ✓ Noah            Never Destroy with Flood Again
- ✓ Abraham       1. Bless All Who Bless Him  
                      2. Promised Land – Israel  
                      3. Father of Many Nations
- ✓ Moses           Holy Nation & Ten Commandments
- ✓ David           King for Royal Lineage of Messiah

**Ahhh ... Security in a PROMISE**  
**The Old Covenant!**



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# What IS the NEW Testament ... NEW Covenant

that is: COVENANT ...

*meaning:*

- ✓ Believe Christ Paid for Sin = You Free
- ✓ Believe Christ Rose = You Rise
- ✓ Believe Christ Ascended = You Ascend
- ✓ Believe Christ Comes Again = You Go Home
- ✓ Believe Christ in Spirit = You Got Christ **IN** You

Ahhh ... Security in a RELATIONSHIP

Security in Adoption

**NEW Covenant = Believe & Born Again!**



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**5:16-17 Reborn – In Christ ... a New Creation**

**New Creation ... THE difference between  
Old & New Testaments**

**We know NOT the hour or minute ...**

**What we DO KNOW ... at Cross & Resurrection**

**Reconciliation Happened**

**We Were Redeemed**

**Whether it was when Jesus declared, “FINISHED”**

**Whether it was when God tore the Temple Curtain**



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**5:16-17 Reborn – In Christ ... a New Creation**

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**What we DO KNOW ... absolutely ... clearly**

***WHEN* We Were Redeemed**

**We KNOW the New *PARTED* from the Old**

**All Things Were Become NEW**

**What does this MEAN?**

**Time Changed FOREVERMORE**





**5:16-17 Reborn – In Christ ... a New Creation**

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**At least TWO ways of seeing the difference**

**One is as a TREE ... the seed being the Old**

**The seed ... sown in eternity past**

**Germinated through Abraham ... Moses ...**

**Through Isaiah ... Jeremiah ...**

**Broke ground in Matthew ... Birth of Christ**

**Great trunk of grew ... Branches Disciples**



5:16-17 **Reborn** – In Christ ... a New Creation

New Creation ... THE difference between

## **Old & New Testaments**

Tree FLOWERED when Christ ascended

Each of us bearing fruit in its season

i.e., Old Testament *connected* to New

**SEED** of Old ... **Blooms** into the **Church**

Israel chosen by God ... now the Church

Jews were God's people ... now

**All the Redeemed are God's People**





**5:16-17 Reborn – In Christ ... a New Creation**

**New Creation ... THE difference between**

## **Old & New Testaments**

**At least TWO ways of seeing the difference**

**One is as a TREE ... the other supplied by**

**Apostle John ... in John chapter 3**

**New Birth ... New Creation ...**

**That is ... IN Christ ... BORN AGAIN**

**That is quite DIFFERENT from a Tree**



Quite DIFFERENT from a Tree ...

At its simplest –

**You MUST be Born Again**

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*This certifies that the following Record of Birth is registered and preserved in the office of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics at* CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Name JOHN DAVEY MISER Sex Male No. 1918-1720

Date of Birth August 28, 1918 Place of Birth Saratoga, Wyoming

Name of Father William Richard Miser

Maiden Name of Mother Priscilla Davey

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*M. C. Keith, Special Agent, Bureau of the Census.*



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**We Were Redeemed**

**Whether it was when Jesus declared, “FINISHED”**

**Whether it was when God tore the Temple Curtain**

**Time Changed FOREVERMORE**

**All Things Were Become NEW**

**You Are a New Creation**



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**5:16-17 Reborn – In Christ ... a New Creation**

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## **Old & New Testaments**

**In the Old Testament ...**

**NO One Was Born Again**

**Everyone in the Old Testament**

- ✓ **Looked TOWARD the promise ... to Christ**
- ✓ **Depended upon God to FULFILL**
- ✓ **Saved under Old but No SEAL of Spirit in Their Hearts**
- ✓ **Saved under FAITH of what would COME**



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## **Old & New Testaments**

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**NO ONE Was Born Again**

**Everyone in the Old Testament**

- ✓ **Did NOT know much about Salvation**
- ✓ **Did NOT know Christ of New Testament**
- ✓ **Did NOT know much more than PROMISE**
- ✓ **No SECURITY of the Believer under OLD**



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# New Creation ... THE difference between Old & New Testaments

## In Two Words

Old Testament = Law & Obey

New Testament = Grace & LOVE



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**5:16-17 Reborn – In Christ ... a New Creation**

**New Creation ... THE difference between**

## **Old & New Testaments**

**Main difference is that ... *grab a hold of this***

**Believers Are BORN AGAIN**

**Everyone SAVED in the New Testament**

- ✓ **Looked BACK & UP to the Cross of Christ**
- ✓ **God FULFILLED his Promise ... Redeemed**
- ✓ **SAVED under a New Covenant**



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## **Old & New Testaments**

**Difference between a Tree & Born Again ... IS**

**The BODY**

**Born Again ... New Creation ...**

- ✓ **Tree Seed is NOT New or Separate Entity**
- ✓ **Born Again ... Birthed into New Kingdom**
- ✓ **Born Again ... New Creation ... You – the Church**
- ✓ **New Life ... is ... ah a *NEW LIFE***



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# Old & New Testaments

Born Again ... hear ye, hear ye

**New has DNA of Old**

Born Again ... New Creation ...

- ✓ Lineage to Old Testament
- ✓ **GREATER** than English Royalty—there is a **BLOODLINE**
- ✓ House of Jesse from David to Jesus
- ✓ We receive ROYAL DNA ... if, if, if ... you BELIEVE
- ✓ Cannot be Born Again ... unless you BELIEVE
- ✓ Believe – Born Again into a Royal Priesthood



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**We know NOT the hour or minute ...**

**We Were Redeemed**

**Know not the hour that Peter, Paul, the Twelve**

**Were Adopted – Born Again**

**All Things Were Become NEW**

**Acts of Apostles – Unique Work of Spirit**

**Kingdom of God CALLED OUT**

**Church Called to Mission**

**Zero Hour – Time Changed**

**Forever After**



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**NOT** know the hour Humanity Redeemed  
Yet, today we know the very **SECOND**

**BELIEVE – Born Again**

**Look to the Cross**

**What is the New Creation? ... Being Born Again?**

**Unlike ALL the Old Testament ... in the NEW**

**YOU & I—We—in our Heart & Soul are**

**Temples of the Holy Spirit**

**Access to the Throne of God in Christ**

**We are “IN Christ” before God**



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**BELIEVERS are**  
**Holy Priesthood**  
**Joint Heirs w Christ**

**5:18-21 Reconciled – Ministry of Reconciliation ...**

**<sup>18</sup> All this is from God,  
who reconciled US to HIMSELF**

**through Christ**

**and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:**

**<sup>19</sup> 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.**



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**Your MISSION ...  
should you choose to accept it ...**

**<sup>20</sup> 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**

**<sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin**

**to be sin for us**

**so that in him we might become the**

**righteousness of God.**



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## **6:1-2 Ready – Not in Vanity ... Now Is Day of Salvation**

**<sup>1</sup> As God's co-workers we urge you**

**NOT**

**to receive God's grace in vain.**

**<sup>2</sup> For he says, "In the time of my favor  
I heard you, and  
in the day of salvation I helped you."**

**I tell you, now is the time of God's favor,  
now is the day of salvation.**



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Now you know what means

**Now is the Day of SALVATION**

All through the Old Testament – waited, waited

**WHEN** We Were Redeemed

We KNOW the **New PARTED** from the **Old**

**All Things Were Become NEW**

What does this MEAN?

**Zero Hour**

**Time Changed FOREVERMORE**



**Now is the Day of SALVATION**

**No More OT Waiting ... No More Uncertainty**

**Time Changed FOREVERMORE**

**Zero Hour EVERYDAY**  
**for ALL Unbelievers**

**Believe NOT – Hell Bound ...**

**Believe – Co-Heir w Christ *that very Second***

**Believe – Born Again into Kingdom**

**Believe – New Creature, Christ in YOU**





**Now is the Day of SALVATION**

**Two Grand Illustrations  
Connected by the Cross**



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**BIRTH = Born Again = New Creation**

**MARRIAGE = Marriage Supper of Lamb**

**Believe – New Creature, Christ in YOU – New Life**

**Believe – New Future, New Kingdom Come**

