

## All Citizens Christian Church Calgary

## BIBLE STUDY: Thursday July 30, 2015. Topic: THE NEW CREATURE.

**TEXT:** Colossians 3:1-10

**INTRODUCTION:** The Bible says that if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, II Corinthians 5:17. What exactly does that mean? What are the implications of being in Christ? What does being born again imply? These and other similar questions should be fully settled by the time we finish this study in Jesus Name.

1. If you are truly in Jesus, then you are in God and God is in you through Christ. **John 14:20** A new creature has an intermingling relationship with the Almighty God. **John 15:5-8, John 17:23** We all know that God does not sin so a new creature should not also sin.

God's blessings are mainly for those who are in Christ, **Ephesians 1:3-4**.

God's blessings carry some responsibilities. (What are some of them?) **Psalms 51:10 Eph 2:10**, **II Cor 6:14-18 I Peter 2:9**.

Our relationship with Christ should show through our fruits: our behavior speech, habits, mode of dressing etc, **Matthew 12:33, 1 Tim 4:12** 

One sign of a new creature is your relationship with other brethren. **Galatians 3:28-29, Galatians 5:6. Rom 10:12** 

2. We must begin a new life, Isaiah 43:18-19, Galatians 6:15 Ephesians 2:8-10.

An entirely new person must resurrect to whom sin must be an enemy. **Eph 4:21-24, I Peter 1:14**. We must be able to fellowship with other true saints **Matthew 9:16-17, Eph 2:19, Heb 10:25**, We should join the household of God and be a temple fit for God to occupy, **Romans 6:4-7, Romans 8:14-16, Ephesians 2:18-22**.

Our new life in Christ implies two things: (i) We must put off our old sinful self and Ephesians
4:22-24, Col 3:10, Philippians 3:7-10 (ii) we must put on a new righteous man who is truly holy.
The things that have to go are not even pleasant things that bring peace but a messy life compared to

the blessings in Jesus Christ anyway. Some of them are: fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, filthy communication and lying. **II Pet.3:10-13**. Remember that your old self belongs to a fast perishing world and that new self will belong to a coming kingdom Revelation 21:1-5.

Conclusion: Why do we 'new creatures' find it difficult to obey the words Gen 9:26 Lot's wife, Heb 3:13 Mark 4:19 Deceitfulness of sin

How should we run this race Heb 12:1-3