

## All has Become New!

When anyone becomes a Christian, he is a new creation! Old things are passed away and all things become new! (See 2 Corinthians 5,17).

The great thing about becoming a Christian is that we get a brand new beginning. It is so new that Jesus called it a new birth. No matter how old you are, or what you have done, you get a new start. There are no exceptions.



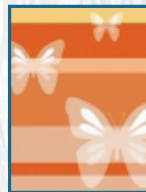
For instance, the moment that you accept Jesus as your Savior, all of the bad things you have done in the past are forgiven and forgotten! How is that for a new start?! Not bad, is it?

The Bible says in one place that He separates our sins from us as far as the east is from the west. In another place, it says that He casts our sins into the depths of the sea. So whether to the east or the west or into the depths of the sea, they are gone, gone, gone, never to be remembered again!

## Forgiven!

The Bible calls this being justified. This means that God looks at us just as if we never sinned, never did anything wrong. That is how great God loves us, and how complete Jesus' death on the cross was for us.

Once we are justified, or declared righteous, we have certain privileges. For one thing, we become children of God. God becomes our Father and Jesus our brother. Welcome to the family!



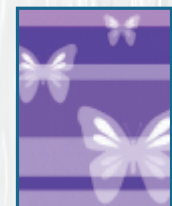
This means also that we have the right to go before God anytime we want. Anytime. He receives us! Now this is not because of what we have done or how good we are! Some people think that they become righteous because they go to church, or try to keep the Ten Commandments. Or they compare themselves with others and think they are better.

But really, all of us have sinned. All of us have done things that were not right. None of us are good on our own. We do not become free from these things because of our goodness, but because Jesus died for our sins, and we put our faith in Him.

So God sees us as forgiven and perfect! No matter what you have done, He has forgiven you. There is no more guilt or condemnation. He has forgiven you!

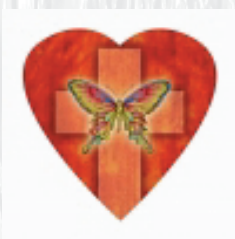
## Changed Within!

Change not only affects what we have done in the past. It also affects who we are in the inside of us. The Bible says that He gives us a new heart. He takes away the stony heart out of your life and gives you a new heart. This is the affect of giving us a new nature. The amazing thing is that God actually puts His Holy Spirit into you. We become one in our spirit with Him. You will learn more about this new nature in a later lesson!



## Intimacy with God!

God always intended to have an intimate relationship with us. However, sin entered in and we became separated from God. When we receive Christ as our Savior, all of this changes. We can once again have a personal, intimate relationship with God. God becomes our Father and He lives on the inside of us. Jesus said, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our abode with him!"



Maybe you are not sure about being a child of God. Maybe you are not sure about being saved. Well, think again about what God says in His Word. It says that as many as receive Jesus as their Savior, He gives them the right to become the child of God. Jesus also said that He stands at your door and knocks. If you open the door, He will come into you. You can believe God and what His Word says!

## You can be Sure!

So to be sure that you are a child of God and that He has forgiven you, say this prayer out loud to Him now: "Jesus, I thank You that You love me. Thank You that You died for me. I am sorry for the things that I have done in the past. Please forgive me of all of my sins. Please come into my life as my Lord and my Savior. I thank You, and I love you. Amen."

Did you mean this prayer? If you did, then God means what He said. All of your sins are forgiven and forgotten, and He has come to live on the inside of you! The Bible says, "This is the record, that God has given us eternal life. This life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life!"

We will be praying for you this week!  
We are excited as you continue to grow in your relationship with God!

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