

The Wonderful Gift in Christ

- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2Cor. 5:17*
- As simple as Elijah's words to Naaman.
- *For as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus** were baptized into His death. Rom. 6:3*
- *Therefore we **were buried with Him through baptism**. Rom. 6:4*
- *For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ. Gal. 3:27*

After dying, buried and raised with Him

- For we are **His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus** for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Eph 2:10
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he **is a new creation**; old things have passed away; **behold, all things have become new**. 2Cor. 5:17
- All by going through the water of baptism...
- More Details are given in Colossians

Complete In Him

- *and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. 11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, Col 2:10-14*

Made without Hands?

- ✦ *In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism,*
- ✦ *But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Heb 9:11-12*
- ✦ *5 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2Cor 5:1*

You Are Complete in Him

- you are complete in Him
- In Him circumcised – made without hands
- by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh
- by the circumcision of Christ,
- buried with Him in baptism,
- you also were raised with Him
- you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
- He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,
- Not of this creation. Prepared for the creation to come.

A New Creation By Grace & Power

- *For we are **His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus** for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*
- *Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ**, he is **a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*
- **Old Things HAVE passed away...**
- **God did this for us in baptism...**
- **We leave that water a new creation**
- **But only by grace, mercy and by the power and majesty of God.**
- **Will spend the rest of our life putting off the old**

Put off Old ... Put on New

you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Eph 4:22-24

God has done all the we can't do, but won't do anything we can do. That is FELLOWSHIP – Joint participation toward a common goal (our salvation)

God did and does His part. I MUST do mine!

Raised with Christ

- *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Col. 3:1-4*
- The New is above – The Old is on the earth

Leaving Old Things

- *Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. Col 3:5-7*
- This is what was removed by the circumcision of Christ made without hands.
- What God removed, let not man return to again

What God put off ... We put off...

- *8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since **you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge** according to **the image of Him who created him, Col 3:8-11***
- *whom He foreknew, He also predestined to **be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be **the firstborn among many brethren.** 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. Rom 8:29-30*
- We are completing the process God began...

Peter Sums it Up (2Pet 1:3-11)

- His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness (Gospel & Baptism)
- you **may** (subj.) be partakers of the divine nature
- escaped the corruption in the world through lust.
- for this very cause adding on your part all diligence
- if these things are yours and abound,
- Not barren nor unfruitful
- lacks ... shortsighted, even to blindness,
- make your call and election sure,
- if you do these things you will never stumble;
- entrance supplied abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

New Things...Old Things

- *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **you present your bodies** a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do **not be conformed to this world**, but be **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that **good and acceptable and perfect will of God**. Rom 12:1-3*

Transformed

- *metamorphóo*, from *metá* (3326), denoting change of place or condition, and *morphóo* (3445), to form. To transform, transfigure, change one's form. (Complete Word Study Dictionary: NT:3339)
- The gospel makes this metamorphosis possible.
- The power of baptism is equivalent to the caterpillar becoming a butterfly.
- But our metamorphosis can't be complete until we add on our part. We have to put off the old and put on the new.
- Here ... the metamorphosis is completed "*by the renewing of your mind.*"

True metamorphosis = God's Will

- ✦ *For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*
John 6:38-39
- ✦ When we are conformed to that image, the **metamorphosis** is reaching completion.
- ✦ *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed*** into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor 3:18*
- ✦ **metamorphóo**, (Same word as Rom 12:1-2)

