“All Things ... New”

2 Cor. 5:17

Introduction:

A. When we become Christians we enter new relationships.
   1. To Christ
   2. To God. (Gal. 3:26,27).
   3. To Christians.
   4. To World. (Cf. Rom. 12:1,2)
   5. To sin. (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

B. When we become Christians we learn new ways of living in Christ.

Discussion:

I. A New Way of Thinking.
   A. New spiritual mind, not the old carnal mind. (Rom. 8:6,7).
      1. Carnal mind at root of Corinth’s problems. (1 Cor. 3:1-4).
      2. Carnal mind toward preaching/teaching at root of many problems.

   B. New heavenly mind, not the old earthly mind. (Col. 3:2).
      1. A pilgrim on earth.
      2. Know that present joy and suffering are temporary. (Rom. 8:18; Heb. 11:25)
      3. Not overly concerned about things of this life (Mt. 6:24-34).

   C. New Pure mind, not old filthy mind. (Phil. 4:8).
      1. Not a mind fed on filthy movies, t.v., literature.
      2. Birds may fly in, but don’t let them make a nest.

   D. New fair mind, not old biased mind. (Jas. 3:17).
      1. Fleshly favoritism. (cf. Gal. 3:28)
      2. Economic favoritism.
      3. Friendship favoritism.

II. A New way of Talking.
   A. Truthful words. (Eph. 4:25)
   B. Pure words. (Col. 3:8).
   C. Seasoned words. (Col. 4:6).
   D. Measured words. (Jas. 1:26, cf. Prov. 10:19)
   E. Properly directed words.
      1. Pleasant words may compliment or flatter.
      2. Sharp words be as “switch blade” or as “surgeon’s scalpel” (Tit. 1:13; 2 Cor. 11:19).

III. A New way of Doing. (1 John 3:18).
   A. New places to go: Worship, classes, wholesome activities.
   B. New things to do: Pray, study, teach.
   C. New people to see.
      1. Sinners who need saving.
      2. Brethren who need edification.
   D. New Clothes to wear.
      1. Literally. - Modest apparel. (1 Tim. 2:9)
      2. Spiritually (1 Pet. 3:3,4; 5:5).
   E. New companionships to form (1 Cor. 15:33)

Conclusion:

A. “All things have become new.
B. “New Creation - in Christ”