

“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”