

Class Handout & Slides
2nd Corinthians 5:17
A New Creation

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Class Discussion Questions

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

- 1. What does it mean to be in Christ and how to become a new creation?**
 - A) Day of Pentecost (Acts 2)**
 - B) Paul's Personal Testimony (Acts 22)**
- 2. Why is it necessary to be a "new creation?"**
 - A) Ministry of new Covenant (2 Corinthians 3)**
 - B) New heavens and new earth (Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13)**
- 3. The Old is gone and the new has arrived!- Confession**
 - A) Confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10)**
 - B) Picture of death, burial, resurrection (Romans 6)**
 - C) Faith = burial (Colossians 2:12)**
 - D) Children of God = clothed in Christ (Galatians 3:26-28)**
- 4. Clarification of Paul's view about baptism**
 - A) Misquote: 1 Corinthians 1:14 & 17**
 - B) Actual Quote in context: about disunity and how unimportant the baptizer is in salvation (1 Corinthians 1:13-17)**
- 5. A New Creation and the Holy Spirit**
 - A) Acts 2: tongues of fire- Jews**
 - B) Acts 10: tongues of fire – Gentiles and Cornelius**
- 6. A New Creation and Miracles**
 - A) Acts 8: Philip in Samaria**
 - B) Acts 8: Philip and the Ethiopian treasurer**

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Acts 2:36-41

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Then Paul said: ³ “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. ⁴ I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, ⁵ as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished.

⁶ “About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. ⁷ I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, ‘Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?’

⁸ “‘Who are you, Lord?’ I asked.

“ ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,’ he replied. ⁹ My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me.



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Acts 22:3-9

¹⁰ “‘What shall I do, Lord?’ I asked.

“ ‘Get up,’ the Lord said, ‘and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.’ ¹¹ My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me.

¹² “A man named Ananias came to see me. He was a devout observer of the law and highly respected by all the Jews living there. ¹³ He stood beside me and said, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’ And at that very moment I was able to see him.

¹⁴ “Then he said: ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. ¹⁵ You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.’

Acts 22:10-16

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**6 He has made us competent as
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**covenant – not of the letter
but of the Spirit; for the letter
kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

2 Corinthians 3:6

**17 For behold, I create new
heavens and a new
earth; and the former things
will not be remembered or come
to mind.**

Isaiah 65:17

**13 But in keeping with His
promise we are looking forward
to a n e w h e a v e n and a n e w
e a r t h where righteousness
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2 Peter 3:13

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- 9** If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
- 11** As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”
- 12** For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, **13** for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:9-13

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3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Romans 6:3-7

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12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Colossians 2:12



26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, **27** for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



Galatians 3:26-28

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1 Corinthians 1:14,17



13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you **except** Crispus

and Gaius, **15** so **NO ONE CAN SAY** that you were baptized in my name. **16** (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)

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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4

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5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

Acts 2:5-8

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12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

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Acts 2:12-14

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- 5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there.
- ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said.
- ⁷ For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.
- ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.
- ¹² But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
- ¹³ Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

Acts 8:5-8; 12-13



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26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an

Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury ...

This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"

38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

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Acts 8:26-39

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Acts 10:44-48

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