

A New Creation

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Introduction

Gal 2:20&21 *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"*

2 Cor 5:17 *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*

- Throughout this series Ps John has been stressing this verse.
- If you get nothing else out of this series let it be this. Gal 2:20-21
- Paul also writes in 2 Cor 5:17
 - we are no longer slaves to sin
 - and no longer are required to follow the Law
- but do so because
 1. as a new creation we live the love that Christ gave us
 2. and because we love him we follow His way. The new way.

Gal 6:1&2 *"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

Jn 13:34 & 35 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

- We are one in the Spirit, and this is how they will know that we are Christian by our love.

Olympics

- I find it interesting that long before the Olympics started PS John felt it on his heart for us to go over Galatians.
- These games controversial.
- both sides have pointed fingers and acted in anger, (fruit of the flesh) they have not shown love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness nor self-control (fruit of the Spirit).

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- it is important to point out sin and what is wrong in this world with gentleness and respect.
- How many times have we heard that the church is full of hypocrites or people have left because they felt they were being judged.
- When a new couple comes to Christ will we push the legality of marriage upon them and possibly chase them away or will we carry their burden and fulfil the law of Christ?

Jesus's Example for us

- When Jesus addressed people and their sins He used a particular formular.
- He would help them with their issues and then gently direct them to turn from their sin.

1. The Cripple man near the temple.

Jn 5:14 *Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."*

2. The Blind man

Jn 9:35 *Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"*

3. The woman caught in adultery.

Jn 8:6-11 *They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. 7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" 8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. 9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. 10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."*

- the only times that Jesus would do the opposite would be when some claimed that they knew the law and compared themselves to others.

Gal 6:3-6 *"If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. 4 Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, 5 for each one should carry their own load. 6 Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor."*

Current Military Tactic

- He was using a similar tactic that our military teaches to break soldiers out of a delusionary state.
- The method we were taught was to grab someone, shake them, and yell at them to wake up, and then get them to point out things in reality.
- ❖ Perhaps at times we all need a little shake up and to be reminded that we all need God's grace.
- ❖ And perhaps when we get these good words we should share them with those that have helped us come to these conclusions.

Gal 6:7-9 *"7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

Gal 6:10 *"10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."*

- So even though it will be hard and it will hurt, emotionally, mentally and sometimes even physically **we must...**
- sometimes it is hardest to do so to believers that we feel have done the wrong thing or even turned away, but **we must** do good especially to the family of believers.

Gal 6:12-16 *"12 Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. 14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which[a] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. 16 Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to[b] the Israel of God."*

It doesn't matter whether **Paul** was going blind as he wrote this or whether he was writing big letters to make his point clear, he **finishes with this and wants to make it very clear.**

We need to do these things

- not for our reward or gain,
- not to make ourselves look good or to seem better than those around us.
- Its not for us to be able to boast

but **boast in what the Lord has done.**

Amos 5:21-24 (The Message) *"I can't stand your religious meetings. I'm fed up with your conferences and conventions. I want nothing to do with your religion projects, your pretentious slogans and goals. I'm sick of your fund-raising schemes, your public relations and image making. I've had all I can take of your noisy ego-music. When was the last time you sang to me? Do you know what I want? I want justice—oceans of it. I want fairness—rivers of it. That's what I want. That's all I want."*

This message was brought to the worship team a few weeks ago but I feel that it is for the everyone here as well...

- Its not what we do but why! Who are we doing these things for us or Him?

Gal 5:17 & 18 *"17 From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen."*

Paul was now done with this discussion it almost seems as though his just finish scolding some reckless teens and told them to... well move on.

Paul suffered for Christ and if any could boast of what they had done it was probably him, but he never did.

Instead he always points out:

- how guilty he was
- except for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's emphasis - **Grace**

Altar Call

- Grace is what sets us free - not something you do.
- We all deserve to perish for what we have done (we are very lucky if there is one of the ten commandments that we have managed not to break at some point in our lives)
- but Christ died for You!
- You have the opportunity to be crucified with Him today.
- No matter what you have done He wants you to become a new creation in him.
- If it is your first time or your hundredth it matters not Christ just wants your faith and trust.
- Believe in him now and come forward so we can pray with you.
- It may seem scary, and you may feel lost
- but He will lead you out onto the waters you just need to keep your eyes on Him and allow him to work in you! (Matt 14:25-32)

Grace be with you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.