

Introduction

In 1 John 5:12 the Word of God says :

“He who has the Son has life ; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life . ”

A disciple of Jesus has a totally new life.

In the following sections three important subjects will be addressed which will help us grow in this new life : ' Who We are in Christ ' , ' Forgiveness ' , and ' A Clear Conscience '

Let's look at who we are in Christ ' . Christ is the foundation from which we grow spiritually .

We shall discover how gloriously rich this new life of faith really is .

Romans 8 : 17a

“Now if we are children , then we are heirs - heirs of God
and co - heirs with Christ . ”

We Receive a New Life

We have eternal life

John 3:16

[16]"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

The Holy Spirit is poured out in our heart's

Romans 5:5

“[5]and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

The Holy Spirit testifies to us

Romans 8:16

“[16]The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.”

We have received the mind of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:16

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“[16]For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ”.

Our bodies have become temples of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 6:19

“[19]Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”

The gifts of the Holy Spirit have been made available to us

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

“[4]Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

[5]And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

[6]There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

[7]But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

[8]For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

[9]to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

[10]and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

[11]But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

We have become part of the body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:27

“[27]Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.”

We have the Holy Spirit as the seal of His ownership in our hearts

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

“[21]Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,

[22]who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.”

We are new creations in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17

“[17]Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

We have been redeemed from the curse of the law

Galatians 3:13

‘[13]Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"

We have been made alive with Christ

Colossians 2:13

“[13]When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.”

We have been renewed by the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:5

“[5]He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.”

We have been born again through the Word of God

1 Peter 1:23

“[23]for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.”

We have been forgiven and purified by the blood of Jesus

1 John 1:7-9

“[7]]but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

[8]If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

[9]If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

We have been born of God

1 John 2:29

“[29]If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practises righteousness is born of God”

We Enter a New Relationship with God

We have become children of God

John 1:12

“[12]But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”

Romans 8:16

"[16]The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God."

We know the only true God

John 17:3

"[3]This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

We have peace with God

Romans 5:[1]"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus."

We are reconciled to God

Romans 5:1,10

"[1]Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

[10]For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life

Not only are we children, but we are co - heirs with Christ

Romans 8:17

"[17]and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him."

We are Christ's possession

1 Corinthians 3:23

"[23]and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God."

We are being transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory which comes from the Lord

2 Corinthians 3:18

"[18]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 from the Lord, the Spirit."

We are crucified with Christ

Galatians 2:20

"[20]I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

We are accepted in Jesus

Ephesians 1:6

"[6]to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the beloved

We are members of God's household

Ephesians 2:19

"[19]So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household."

We can approach God with freedom and confidence

Ephesians 3:12

"[12]in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.
We can be confident that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion."

Philippians 1:6

"[6]For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

We can do all things in Christ Jesus

Philippians 4:13

"[13]I can do all things through Him who strengthens us

We are qualified to share in His inheritance

Colossians 1:12

"[12]giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. The Incomparable Christ

We belong to God

1 Peter 2:9

"[9]But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

We participate in the divine nature

2 Peter 1:4

"[4]For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust

We Have Been Set Free from Sin

We are set free from sin.

John 8:32-36

"[32]and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

[33]They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

[34]Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

[35]The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever.

[36]So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. 8 : 31-36) 2. We have been set free from sin." Romans 6:18)

We are no longer under condemnation

Romans 8:1

"[1]Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

We should set our minds on what the Spirit desires

Romans 8: 5-6

"[5]For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

[6]For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace

We have been saved from the consequences of sin

Romans 10:13

[13]for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

We have been made righteous and holy

1 Corinthians 1:30

"[30]But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption."

We are washed , sanctified , and justified

1 Corinthians 6:11

"[11]Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. The Body Is the Lord's.

We are redeemed through His blood

Ephesians 1:7

"[7]In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace."

We are no longer objects of wrath

Ephesians 2:3

"[3]Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest"

We have been saved by grace, through faith

Ephesians 2:3,8

"[3]Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

[8]For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."

We are forgiven

Colossians 1:14

“[14]in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin.”

We are complete in Christ

Colossians 2:10

“[10]and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority.”

Our nature is changed

Colossians 3:9-10

“[9]Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,
[10]and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.”

We are cleansed from a guilty conscience

Hebrews 10:22

“[22]let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

We have been healed

1 Peter 2:24

“[24]and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”

We have died to sin and live to righteousness

1 Peter 2:24

“[24]and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed

We Are Set Apart in the World

We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus

Romans 8:37

“[37]But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.”

We are ambassadors of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:20

“[20]Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

We live by faith in the Son of God

Galatians 2:20

“[20]I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

We have been crucified to the world

Galatians 6:14

“[14]But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

We have been raised up with Christ and seated in heavenly places

Ephesians 2:6

“[6]and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

We are fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household

Ephesians 2:6,19

"[6]and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

[19]So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household."

We have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the Kingdom of God

Colossians 1:13

"[13]For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth , the home of righteousness

2 Peter 3:13

"[13]But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells."

To finish we need to remember that there is no other foundation on which we can build our lives.

Matthew 7:24-27

[24]"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

[25]And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

[26]Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

[27]The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell-and great was its fall."

Jesus makes it very clear that a right foundation is of vital importance . Many Christians do not grow in their faith and some are extremely shaky . The reason for this is a faulty foundation . A strong spiritual foundation is essential to our life of faith .

1 Corinthians 3:11

"[11]For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."