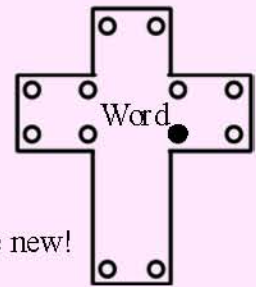


WORD of TRULY GREAT FREEDOM

2:5 This New Life

Bible Verse : 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!



Proclaim : *In Christ Jesus, I am a new creation.*

Truth: Those who believe in the Lord Jesus have already been freed from darkness and have entered into the light. They are no longer to live for themselves but for the Lord who *died and rose again.*



Scripture Reference: Luke 19: 1-8

Lesson: (1) **The Importance Of Being Born Again** – *The Lord Jesus has said:*

“No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. ..unless one is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ”

Our former life – *self-dependent and living according to the self will.*

The new life – *a transformed life, having love for God.* (John 3:3-8)

(2) **There Is New Life In The Lord** – *Zacchaeus repented before the Lord and became a new person. Not only was he no longer selfish, but also became a loving and cheerful person. In John 3:6-8 the Lord declares: “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, but that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from ...So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”*

(3) **It Is No Longer We Who Live** – *Thanks be to the Lord our God that everybody can receive a new life by accepting Jesus as Lord, just as Zacchaeus had done. For the life that we now live in the flesh, we are to live by faith in Jesus Christ who loved us and gave Himself for us. Thus, it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us.* (Galatians 2:20, John 3:7)

(4) **Love God With All our Heart** – The Lord Jesus has said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” *Let us be like Zacchaeus in loving the Lord God with all of our heart, our soul and mind.* (2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 22:37)

Conclusion: In Christ Jesus, we are a new creation. By depending on the Lord’s mighty resurrection power, we can become a people of love and strength. No longer are we to live only for ourselves, but we now live for the love of God.

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| You Will Need: | A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS- Lesson Title and Memory verse A cake (any size); candle; lighter |
| BIBLE NARRATION | Luke 19: 1-8 Zacchaeus’ new life |
| SHOW & TELL | 1. Zacchaeus was rich but lonely and unhappy; disliked by everyone from whom he had over-collected taxes. 2. He began to live a new life in Christ - a new creation |
| PRAY | Call for Salvation prayer – Thank you, God for your love for me. I believe you sent Jesus Christ to die on the cross to save me from my sins. Please forgive my sins and come into my life. Help me to live a new life of love for God, in Jesus’ Name I pray. Ask God to help us live a new life of great love for God, instead of love for material things |