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Here we go. Okay. It's good to see everyone here.

Uh, if you have your bibles if you could please turn Second corinthians Forgive me for adjusting my microphone right now We're thankful to have everyone here today we are so thankful to have those watching by internet uh second corinthians chapter 5 Uh beginning in verse 14, and if you could please stand if you're able to second corinthians chapter 5 verse 14 the bible says For the love of christ constraineth us Because we thus judge That if one died for all Then we're all dead And that he died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves But unto him which died for them and rose again Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh Yea, though we have known christ after the flesh yet. Now henceforth know we him no more Therefore If any man be in christ, he is a new creature All things are passed away behold all things are become new And all things are of god Who had reconciled us to himself by jesus christ and had given to us the ministry of reconciliation To wit that god was in christ Reconciling the world unto himself not imputing their trespasses is unto them and had committed unto us the word of Reconciliation, let's pray father. We thank you for your word Father I thank you for allowing us to gather here today We're so thankful that those who've traveled long distance Made it safely to their families and what a blessing Father, we also ask you lord to be with those who are home, uh because of sickness I lift up eric Uh father who just had surgery yesterday father, I pray that you would bless him You would comfort him that your presence would be around him And most of all lord, may you uh, allow him to recover from the surgery he had We lift up this service to you lord And we ask you lord to speak to every heart here and those who are watching by internet And father may you get all the glory and all the honor for what you have done through christ And this I pray In jesus name.

Amen Well, you could be seated at this time And what a blessing And as we come to this scripture in verse 414 of second corinthians chapter 5. It says for the love of christ constraineth us Because we thus judge that if one died for all Then we're all dead and what the apostle paul is writing is the Just the sheer truth That god himself the creator Would take a human body through the virgin birth and and Then walk a beautiful sinless life All to go to a cross And die for you and I what what a blessing And the apostle paul truly knew this But as we look at verse 17 We find he says in verse 17. Therefore if any man be in christ He is a new creature all things are passed away and behold all things are become new And this is a blessing To those who have received christ by faith those who have trusted him And biblical christianity is not a religion of information of ritual works Amen, you can go to a lot of churches and do a lot of ritual things, but that's not going to save you. Amen But rather being brought into a relationship with god through the lord jesus and his atoning work on the cross And this is what makes christianity stand out That it's not what we do it's who we believe in And that belief that comes from our from our heart that true faith Entrusting into your tongue the atoning work of the cross

Changes you And as I title this a new creature in christ That's exactly what happens.

Look again in in second corinthians chapter 5 verse 17 And my first point is a new position in christ And here we find in second corinthians 5 17 the bible says therefore if any man be in christ He is a new creature. All things are passed away. Behold all things are become new And this verse is talking about a spiritual transformation that takes place in a believer's life The moment Remember this the moment he places his faith and trust In the lord jesus that moment And some of you who have been born again, you know exactly what it is what it's talking about here When you bowed your heart and said lord, forgive me I believe that you are the son of god the one who would come and die for my sin And when a person trusts the finished work of christ God places and positions that believer In christ and that's what it's saying there in second corinthians 5 17 again says therefore if any man be in christ There's that's transformation We're taught this in what? In colossians chapter 1 turn with me to colossians chapter 1 and we are taught This look what it says in colossians chapter 1 verse 12 Again this is a blessing And you know, there's a lot of people that come to church There's a lot of people that uh grew up in church and this has never Happened to them They are holding on to religion whether they are they're looking at their Their morality or how good they are or their religious works.

This did not happen to them Because what this is saying is there's a transformation that happens when you place your faith in christ Look at it in colossians chapter 1 verse 12 Here the apostle paul is writing and he says giving thanks unto the father which had made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light And when you look at that word meet it means he has qualified us We did not do it ourselves. It was him that did it And then look what he says in verse thing 13 who had delivered us from the power of darkness and had Translated us into the kingdom of his dear son In whom we have redemption through his blood even the forgiveness of sin What's he saying i'd like to say it this way here we are living in our old life Just like the world everything's going the same way we're doing all the things we're doing not knowing That we've been condemned because of our sin not knowing That it's only what christ has done to save us And as soon as a believer from his heart puts his faith and trust in jesus christ He is positionally. I said this how many times before? positionally Translated into the kingdom of his dear son That means the moment You place your faith and trust nothing you could ever do But believe on the lord jesus that moment You were translated from the kingdom of darkness Into the kingdom of his dear son Amen that moment And this is exciting And that's what colossians chapter 1 verse 12 says Giving thanks unto the father There's joy and excitement in our lives because of what jesus did forgiving us And then it says in verse 13 who had delivered us from the power of darkness and had Translated us into the kingdom of his dear son Does that mean that you look any nicer looking you smell any better than you did before no That's not what it means What it's saying Is nothing you could ever do it was all of god's grace, but god was waiting for you to believe his report God was waiting for you to believe that his love sent the son to the cross for you This verse Is an amazing verse and this is what second corinthians 5 17 says It says to be in christ is to be reconciled to god through the cross of christ Amen Turn with me to romans romans chapter 8 romans chapter 8 And here we find again In romans chapter 8 We find this phrase again in christ.

Look what it says in romans chapter 8 verse 1 romans chapter 8 verse 1 says Therefore I mean there is therefore now no condemnation To them which are in christ jesus No condemnation why you've been forgiven you were not condemned to hell anymore you've been forgiven Looking at what he says therefore there is therefore now no Condemnation to them that are in christ who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit For the law of the spirit of life in christ jesus had made me free From the law of sin and death What an amazing thing You know, i'm just so overwhelmed That god would love me a sinner And set me free Amen and look down on me not with condemnation, but with blessings Unmistakable blessings It doesn't matter what I have It doesn't matter anything in my life anymore I have won Because i've been given salvation Look again in romans chapter 8 again Look a little further on Look what it says in verse 15 Says for ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear But ye have received the spirit of adoption whereby we cry abba father The spirit itself bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of god What he's talking about is those who have placed their faith in christ Those who have trusted the atoning work of the cross and have come in christ positionally taken out of the spirit the the the kingdom of darkness and placed into uh, his dear son's the kingdom of light positionally In christ What a blessing We have been given what his spirit Where we can cry abba father you do you understand what that means that's a tender relationship This is not about religion this is about a relationship With the father through the work of christ and the holy spirit coming in us And changing us What a position we have And because of a believer's position in christ, he is no longer condemned for his sin He has been redeemed and forgiven and now walks In resurrection power, isn't that exciting? That's exciting Not only do we have a new position in christ But it also we see turn back to uh, second corinthians turn back to uh 517 And let me get there. Here we go Not only do we have a new position in christ, but secondly, we have a new disposition in attitude Amen in attitude Look again, it says in second corinthians 5 17 Therefore if any man be there's the there it is again in christ He is a new creature A new creature What does it mean for a man to become a new creature? This isn't about self-help or moral improvement It's about resurrection power Amen You aren't just merely reformed or rehabilitated You are recreated by the spirit of god when it comes into your heart That's why you can say abba father The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are what a child of god now This is the work of god And it's all geared on your faith in jesus christ You know I was talking to somebody a while ago And they were saying how they were witnessing And trying to tell somebody about this because they saw a change in the person's life And they were trying to figure out what happened They were trying to figure it out and the person said I believed in jesus and he changed me and he healed me And he forgave me and they say it can't be that easy It can't be Do you realize it is? Do you know that your intellect can get in the way of your heart? And they were like there can't be you have to do something. It has to be something else No, god did not make it hard It is all on what he has done for us that a little five-year-old child can understand that god loves her And came and and took the penalty of her sin And loves her so much that if she just asked him to forgive her She would be forgiven Because she's calling on jesus from a childhood faith Not from a human mature man's intellect amen And what happens in christ you become a brand new person spiritually from within And begin to live a brand new life Listen, i'm not going to tell you that getting saved you're going to look any better than you do now I'm, not going to say you're smarter than anybody else Matter of fact some people think that you went crazy amen I'm, not telling you that i'm telling you That if you trust in jesus christ from your heart, he will change you from within You look the same you smell the same But you don't act the same amen That's the key You don't involve into a christian You don't change yourself You are supernaturally changed when the spirit of god comes into you And that's what it means by in christ If any man be in christ He's a new creature Turn with me to first first corinthians first corinthians Look what it says in chapter six first corinthians chapter six first corinthians chapter six the apostle paul writing to the believer And let me just stop here.

You know a lot of people when they read the new testament They can only get so much out of it if they haven't been saved It's when you read the the new testament and god changed you And made you a new creature all of a sudden you begin to understand these things in the word of god Because now you can say yeah now I know what happened to me And here in First corinthians chapter six verse nine. He's speaking to the to the believer and he says here know ye not That the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of god But be not deceived neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor effeminate Nor abusers of themselves with mankind Nor thieves nor covetous nor drunkards nor revelers nor extortioners Shall inherit the kingdom of god but look at verse 11 And such were some of you but ye are washed by But ye are sanctified But ye are justified in the name of the lord. Jesus and by the spirit of our god See the difference What's he saying? He's saying that was your lifestyle.

He was a fornicator. You was a drunkard. You was a covetous You was all these things But then when jesus saved you you was translated out of the kingdom of darkness living like the world And translated into the kingdom of his dear son and his spirit had poured into you and changed you and made you into a new creature And then he says in verse 11 and such were some of you what happened you've been changed Amen, what a blessing There is a life Transformating power that jesus provides through the holy spirit to every born again believer Let me say that again There is a life transforming power that jesus provides through the holy spirit to every born again believer Amen The holy spirit regenerates a person saves him from his old life and gives him a new life Amen Living the way you were you've been forgiven You've been brought into a relationship with the creator god Look what it says in titus in titus chapter 3 verse 5 In titus chapter 3 verse 5 it says not by works of righteousness, which we have done But according To his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the holy ghost What's he saying here? It was a change There was a transformation You know rebirth or what we what we would call being born again.

The holy spirit spiritually creates in the believer He creates the believer into a new person Now let me let me just say you still have the same humor You know i'm saying People who still like you you still have a certain but you know what god's done. He's made a new improvement of

you Isn't that a blessing That means you have the capacity to truly love your wife You have the capacity to to not live that sinful life that you was living in You've been what? transformed And this is where this is where you see somebody a Drug addict all of a sudden his his whole life has been flipped upside down and he's no longer a conniving thief And running around stealing and doing all kind of things that he's so guilty of But now he's what he's living a new life. He's got this joy in this peace in his heart.

He's been changed from the inside Sometimes god can forgive you but those around you With all the damage you've done in the past. Sometimes it takes them a whole lifetime to recognize that you truly are different Amen But I like what it says and such were some of you Amen You know, no one is more can um more see And understand what happened to them than the apostle paul Who was switched from what from a persecutor of christ church to what? a proclaimer of christ What a difference Matter of fact those jewish believers did not believe they did not want to get next to the apostle paul Yet they heard that his life was changed amen In romans chapter 6 verse 4 It says here therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death That like as christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the father Even so we also should walk in newness of life That's what the whole that's what the whole baptism looks like The baptism looks what? You're walking and all of a sudden you recognize who jesus is And and what he's done on the cross and when you receive and what happens your old life is now dead And that's like going under the water And you're coming up out of the water in newness of life. You have a new life now And that's what christ has given us Who are in christ? And god's very purpose for placing us in the In a resurrected life with christ being in christ is that we might walk in righteousness And you know what happens when you see a life that's been changed has been forgiven and he doesn't have religion Throw that out of your mind.

It's not about religion It's not about denomination. It's not about any of that. It's all about christ And what he's done and man to live a whole new life And when people see your life living and you're excited about jesus And that's all you're talking about is jesus and praising him and thanking him and all of a sudden people look at your life And say man something happened Who gets the credit? Who gets the who gets the praise for it not you but christ When people look at your changed life and you keep on saying this is what jesus did to me They begin to look at jesus Not you anymore Amen But we're not all perfect Only jesus was perfect And that's the key We must continually allow god's spirit to change us to help us to walk soberly Righteously and godly in this present world And that's what he does.

He supernaturally changes you to what to live better than you were before The bible never teaches that a person can be a true believer and live continuously in his old sinful lifestyle The bible doesn't teach that it teaches that when christ comes He saves you and changes you. Yeah, sometimes it takes a process of time You know you've been living one way your whole life And jesus saves you is sometimes it takes a a long time to to truly change But sometimes it just happens when you're willing You're willing to submit to surrender to him And say lord this y'all my life is yours now so we find uh We find that being in christ Gives us number three a new a new potential A new potential look back at second corinthians 5 17 Says therefore if any man be

in christ, that's what That's transition right trans Translation from one kingdom to a next then it says this he is a new creature

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