

Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of September 11, 2022 A.D.

Your New Life in Christ

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-18

1. Would the life of Jesus as a human have any meaning, purpose, or value if Jesus had not been tried and condemned to death by a human tribunal? Please include an explanation of the (a) meaning, (b) purpose, and (c) value of the crucifixion of Christ.
2. Is verse 15 an overstatement? In your answer, please explain the meaning of: (a) "he died for all", (b) "should no longer live for themselves", and (c) live for Jesus "who died for them".
3. Can a person have eternal life and, at the same time, choose not to live for Jesus? If so, why would anybody do so?

Read Matthew 7:21-23

4. What is the meaning of these verses? Do these verses apply to (a) Old Testament believers, (b) New Testament believers, or (c) both Old and New Testament believers?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

5. Does this verse apply to every person who believes in Jesus for personal forgiveness and for the gift of eternal life? Please describe and/or explain what it means for a person to (a) be "in Christ", and (b) be "a new creation"?
6. If you are not a Christian, why do you refuse to become a Christian? If you are a Christian, please explain in specific ways how for you (a) "the old has gone" and (b) "the new has come"?

Read John 3:18

7. What does it mean to “believe in the name of God’s one and only Son”? Why does a person stand condemned for “not believing in Jesus”? How and why does being “a new creation” in Christ change a person’s relationship to the law and remove that person from the condemnation of God?

Read John 1:10-13

8. Are all humans children of God? Does God answer the prayers of (a) only God’s children or (b) all people? Does God give his children instructions on how they should live? Are God’s children the only humans who escape the punishment of hell? Does God reward His children while they are alive (a) on earth and/or (b) in eternity?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 & Romans 8:5-8

9. According to these verses, for a Christian, (a) what are the things that become new and (b) what are the old things that are gone? Which is better for a person, (a) the new or (b) the old?

Read Romans 8:28-30

10. According to these verses, what are the benefits of becoming “a new creation”? What are the negatives for those who become “a new creation” while they are alive on earth?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

11. Do these verses apply to every person who is “in Christ”? What is the role and responsibility of each person who is “a new creation” while they are alive on earth?

Read Romans 6:8-14

12. Can any person escape hell by trying to obey the law of God? Does grace give to every Christian the freedom to disobey the ten commandments without any fear of going to hell? Please describe the freedom and joy that come from being a follower of Christ.

Consider: “You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature. Rather, serve one another in love.” You think about that. Amen.