

What does the scripture mean when it says you are a new creation?

It is no longer you who live but Christ who lives in you.

“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.

Galatians 2:20

Your new identity is Christ living in you.

4. Sanctifying Grace:

Sanctifying grace, daily, imparts the purifying process that enables Christians to become more Christlike.

“Co-operating Grace” is God working in me, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and I submit myself to God and obey His command.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2Peter 3:18

5. Glorifying Grace:

Glorifying grace is what awaits all who have been saved by grace, when one day their soul (which upon death dwells with Jesus until the day of resurrection) is reunited with their glorified body.

Those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Romans 8:30-32

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Grace “is the unmerited favor of God. God’s undeserved kindness that He shows through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world.

Faith is the simple trust that we cling to God's grace, holding Him to His promise of salvation in Christ.”

John Wesley’s Order of Salvation:

1. Prevenient Grace:

Prevenient Grace tell us that God is a God who seeks us out, long before we seek or search for Him.

**“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
Luke 19:10**

“You see, at just the right time, when were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1John 4:9-11.

❖ *If God left us to ourselves, we would be absorbed in our sin that leads us to complete/total self-destruction and eternal separation from God.*

2. Convicting Grace:

The word *convict* is a translation of the Greek word *elencho*, which means “to convince someone of the truth; to reprove; to accuse, refute, or cross-examine a witness.”

❖ *The Holy Spirit acts as a prosecuting attorney who exposes evil, reproves evildoers, and convinces people that they need a Savior.*

To be convicted is to feel the sheer loathsomeness of our sin.

When Isaiah stood in the presence of God, he was immediately overwhelmed by his own sinfulness:

“Woe to me! . . . I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips . . . and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”
Isaiah 6:5.

To be convicted is to experience an utter dreadfulness and hatred of our sin.

“How could I do this great evil and sin against God?”
Genesis 39:9.

We are convicted when we become mindful of how much our sin dishonors God.

“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight” Psalm 51:4.

We are convicted when we become intensely aware that the wrath of God will be poured out upon our sin filled souls.

When the Philippian jailer fell at the apostles’ feet and cried
“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” Acts 16:30

When the Holy Spirit convicts’ people of their sin, He reveals the righteous judgment of God toward us (Hebrews 4:12).

In that moment, we understand, that apart from the Grace of God, there is no way for us to stand in the presence of a Holy God. The Holy Spirit brings people to repentance. Acts 17:30; Luke 13:5.

The convicting power of the Holy Spirit opens our eyes to our sin and opens our hearts to receive His grace (Ephesians 2:8).

As Christians, we praise the Lord for the conviction of our sin. Because without it, there is no way for us to know we need to be saved.

No one can be saved apart from the Spirit’s convicting and regenerating work in their hearts.

The Bible teaches that all people are by nature rebels against God and hostile to Jesus Christ.

They are **“dead in their trespasses and sins”**. Ephesians 2:1.

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him” John 6:44.

3. Justifying Grace:

“God sees me ‘Just as if I had never sinned.’”

Justifying grace is the assurance of forgiveness that comes from repenting of our sin, and turning toward God's gracious gift of forgiveness, which is new life in Christ Jesus.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Justifying Grace is when the Holy Spirit enters into your life and gives you a new life, a new identity.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ...
2Corinthians 5:17-18