

The Fact of the New Creation

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we read: *“Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*

What do we mean by ‘new creation’? Just this: we were once in the place of spiritual death; we were once utterly lost and ruined.

How did we get into this situation? What did we do to cause this? We didn’t cause this.

“Do you mean to say that we did not get into the place of spiritual death by any act of our own?”

‘Correct!’

‘But Brother, are you saying we were not lost because of any act of our own?’

‘Correct’

But why were we numbered among the lost?

Here’s why!

Because we were born as a member of the old creation of which the First Adam was the head. Every child of Adam’s race comes into the world lost and under sentence of death.

Let me try to make that clear. Consider Adam the First, the head of the old creation. He was placed on trial in the Garden of Eden. The entire world was represented in him ... indeed, you were represented in him, I was represented in him. But Adam the First failed and as a result of that failure the old creation fell down in death, and every person that has ever been born in the world since that time was born in a fallen state.

As members of the old creation, we were all dead and all lost. Adam the First was created sinless but fell, and we fell in him. Then Adam the Last (Jesus) came, the sinless One, conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of a virgin, and at the cross redeemed the entire people who were His.

God has quickened us together with Christ. All who trust Him are made partakers of a new creation. What does God do for us now? Does He put us where Adam was before the Fall and say, “Now behave yourselves, and you won’t die again?” No, He puts us up higher than Adam could ever have gone. He places us into a new and divine creation. We know this because we read in Ephesians 2:6, *“He has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”*

Because we belong to this new creation we can never be lost.

We are safe!

We were lost because the head of the old creation failed, and we went down with him. Now we can never be lost unless the head of the new creation falls, and if He does, we will go down with Him. But, thank God, He remains on the throne of Grace. He has accomplished His work and will never unaccomplish it!

There once was a man who was converted but went to a church that taught that a man could lose his salvation. One day, he was seized with a dreadful fear that someday he might commit some great sin and lose his soul. Fearing that he might be lost after all, he trembled at the thought of

drowning in sin. One night, He went to a believers meeting and heard the words read, “ *Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*” The light broke in on him and he cried out, “Glory to God!”. “Whoever heard of a man drowning with his head that high above water?”

We are linked with Christ, we are hidden with Christ ...we belong to the new creation in Christ, and that is why we shall never be lost.

We are safe!