

A Believer in Christ Jesus Is a whole new person.

**Psalms 40:1-5** "I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. (2.) He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. (3.) And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. (4.) Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. (5.) Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."

A. The believer becomes a new person in salvation.

1. The Psalmist says "I waited patiently for the LORD..." because for the last two chapters he had prayed for deliverance.
  - a. So, he waited on the Lord because he knew God would deliver him. Patience is a benefit of salvation. **Romans 5:3-4** "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4.) And patience, experience; and experience, hope:"
  - b. **Psalms 27:13 - 14** "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. (14.) Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."
  - c. This is something the old man cannot do, but because of salvation we learn to wait on God.
2. We learn in salvation that God is in control.
  - a. Believers need to become as one. **Ezekiel 11:19-21** "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: (20.) That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and

I will be their God. (21.) But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD."

b. The world says we "wear our Christianity on our sleeve" however we are simply following Christ. A new man putting away old ways. **2 Corinthians 5:16-18** "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. (17.) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18.) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;" – The word reconciled means – to change or to cause to repent – "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ" v. 18 – causing us to become NEW "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. V. 17

3. Works in the flesh accomplishes nothing. **Galatians 6:15** "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature."
4. Christ hath destroyed the old man when we were saved. **Ephesians 2:13 - 16** "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (14.) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (15.) Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; (16.) And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:"
5. What is the results of salvation and the putting on the new man?  
**Ephesians 4:20-28** "But ye have not so learned Christ; (21.) If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

(22.) That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; (23.) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (24.) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (25.) Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. (26.) Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: (27.) Neither give place to the devil. (28.) Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

B. The believer in Christ is raised from "spiritual death".

1. Preaching to the lost is like preaching to the dry bones in **Ezekiel 37:9-14**  
"Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. (10.) So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. (11.) Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. (12.) Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. (13.) And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, (14.) And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD."
2. Dead men do not make decisions for Christ; dead men do not repent on their own. **Romans 10:13 - 15** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (14.) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (15.) And

how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"