



WHO ARE YOU?

6. A NEW CREATION, CALLED TO BE HIS
DISCIPLE, PART 6

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

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SCRIPTURES

- 2Corinthians 5:17
- Matthew 16:23-25

2CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

MATTHEW 16:23-25

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. 25 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

WE ARE A NEW CREATION

- A new creation - a new 'species'
- What was normal no longer normal
- Everything we are called to be is now possible
- benefits drawn out by faith
 - Be filled with His Word

SO WE MUST FOLLOW

- Called to follow Him
 - Lay down your life? Pick up your cross?
 - Like Him, SERVE
- An act of salvation
- Make Him and His agenda FIRST in your life
- Choose to follow: *"If anyone wishes..."*

WE MUST CHOOSE TO FOLLOW

- Choose to follow: *"If anyone wishes..."*
 - *an initial choice*
 - *a continuous choice*
 - *But what if we fail?*

ROMANS 7:24-8:2

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

^{8:1} Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16

Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; ¹⁶ however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

WE MUST CHOOSE TO FOLLOW

- What if we fail?
 - *Get moving again!*
 - *NO condemnation for us in Jesus*
 - *PRESS on anyway*



2 КОРИНТЯНИ 5:17

Затова, ако някой е в Христос,
той е ново творение. Старото си
отиде. Новото дойде!

ГАЛАТЯНИ 6:12-16

¹⁴ Що се отнася до мен, да не дава Бог да се гордея с друго освен с кръста на нашия Господ Исус Христос! Чрез него светът е мъртъв за мен и аз съм мъртъв за света. ¹⁵ Защото няма никакво значение дали си обрязан или не. Важното е да бъдеш ново създание. ¹⁶ Мир и милост да бъде над всички, които следват това правило – над целия Божий народ.

МАТЕЙ 16:21-25

Оттогава Исус започна да обяснява на учениците си, че трябва да отиде в Ерусалим и че юдейските старейшини, главни свещеници и законоучители ще му причинят много страдания, и че трябва да бъде убит, а на третия ден – да възкръсне. 22 Петър го отведе настрана и започна да го укорява, като казваше: „Бог да те пощади, Господи! Това никога няма да ти се случи.“ 23 Тогава Исус се обърна и каза на Петър: „Махни се от мен, Сатана! Ти ме изкушаваш да съгреша, защото мислиш не както мисли Бог, а както мислят хората.“ 24 След това Исус каза на учениците си: „Ако някой иска да ме последва, трябва да каже «Не!» на собствените си желания, да вземе своя кръст и да ме следва. 25 Който иска да спаси живота си, ще го загуби, а който загуби живота си заради мен, ще го намери.