

In Messiah, we as Believers have new things which are now ours



*<sup>17</sup>If anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; old things have passed away...all things have become new...<sup>21</sup>that we [our spirit] might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:17, 21*

## **New Things**

In anticipation of the coming biblical new year which starts next Friday at sundown, last week I mentioned some of the old things that have passed away because of our covenant with Yeshua. This week I wanted to mention a few new things that are ours. I remember initially reading the above verse of being a new creation in Messiah and initially thinking that I didn't feel much different and wondered if this new creation thing had "taken" for me. As I searched a bit more on this topic, it was then that I discovered some of the things that the Bible states that are new because of our relationship with Yeshua.

One of the things that I discovered that was helpful was that our spirit is radically refashioned when we are born anew in Yeshua. The challenge is that we cannot use our five senses to feel or discern our spirit. We cannot measure it by our emotions (soul) or our five senses (body). It takes time and energy to cooperate with God's grace to be transformed by the renewing of our mind

(Romans 12:1-2). We grow in being able to feel Messiah's manifest presence in our heart through faith (Ephesians 3:17). The emotional chemistry in our heart changes as we grow in talking to and being with Yeshua.

Here are six things that are new for us as Believers because of our connection with Yeshua.

1. **God's Acceptance with Affection:** The result of receiving this new position is that God enjoys and delights in relating to us as sons of God and the Bride of Messiah. There is no condemnation or rejection from God (Rom. 8:1).

2. **Indwelling Spirit:** The Spirit gives us new power with new desires and insights that we may know God, His Word, and His will. We received supernatural power to resist sin and Satan. We received a new nature when our spirit was born again and made righteous. The Teacher dwells on the inside of us. We turn our attention inwardly and thank the Spirit for His presence in our spirit.

3. **The Spirit's Fruit:** The fruit of His presence in us is love and peace (Gal. 5:22). We do not have to yield to the promptings of sin. As we thank the Spirit for His peace that is in our spirit by His indwelling presence, then we will experience them in our soul (mind and emotions).

4. **Authority:** We were given the authority to use Yeshua's name to release the works of God and hinder the works of Satan in our life and circumstances, as well as in others. We are seated in heavenly places with Yeshua (Ephesians 2:6) with access in prayer to God's presence.

5. **Divine Destiny:** We have a lasting purpose in God that goes beyond our physical death. We will forever reign with Him. Every day is relevant as we do God's will because He sees our effort and it so moves Him that He gives us eternal rewards for our faithfulness even in small things (Lk. 19:17). Our faithfulness is remembered by God regardless of how small our impact is.

6. **A New Creation in Our Spirit-Man:** The "he" that is a new creation is our spirit man. All things pertaining to our spirit become new. The "real you" is your spirit man, which is alive in Messiah.

These are wonderful new components that are ours because of our covenant connection with Yeshua. For those interested in looking into more of this topic, I very highly recommend Mike Bickle's teaching series called *The Gospel of Grace* which can be found here: <http://mikebickle.org/resources/series/the-gospel-of-grace>