

“καινή κτίσις – Sons & Heirs” - Galatians 4

Series Intro

BO: Have you ever received an inheritance or are you waiting to receive it? What did or will you get?

Intro: “What if we’ve been approaching faith wrong our whole lives?” We’ll be looking at what really counts as a Christian. It’s not...trying really hard to be a Christian, know the church lingo, know everyone at youth group. So how do you grow as a Christian?

Prin: What counts is καινή κτίσις... What is καινή κτίσις?

It literally means a “new creation” Say what καινή κτίσις means... ready.... “new creation”

It’s creating SOMETHING out of NOTHING like God created the world from nothing.

Ex: I want us to memorize these helpful two verses...

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

Galatians 6:15 *For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.*

Trans: This week we’ll be asking why it counts for so much to be a new creation!

Review

Ex: A quick review from last week... Remember? Stuckey represented the people of God and wanted to be with me and was with me eating ice cream until he took matters into his own hand and tried to be like God playing the violin. I banished Stuckey until I brought him back to me and promised him he would be with me which represents the promise made to Abraham. He was able to be back up here with me but until the promise was fulfilled I gave him Joy to try and help him play the violin. That didn’t work and was destined to fail. In fact, Stuckey began asking for Marla to come and take the violin and play it so he could go back to eating. Marla who represents Jesus came to Stuckey to play the violin and then went back to her spot on stage. Stuckey invited Troy, who represents the Galatians and for that matter us, to come up to the stage to eat ice cream and be with God. Troy and Stuckey began trying to make themselves be up on stage based on their playing again even though all the while Marla was still playing and allowing them to be up there... This brings us to this week! We’ll understand why it’s so important that we’re a new creation...

Sons & Heirs

Gal3: **23** *Now before faith came, or the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham, we were held captive under the law, remember how Joy was helping Stuckey play the violin, the Jews were given the Law and they were, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. Imprisoned to keep them on the right path of holiness* **24** *So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you all are sons of God, through faith...*

Ex: Because of Jesus the Jews and us aren’t under the Law or the 10 Commandments, rather we are God’s children

Trans: This is why it matters that we are a new creation. We can be God’s children in right relationship through Jesus. Let’s play this out in Galatians chapter 4...

...4 *I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.* To explain how this works an illustration begins. If you’re a child and an heir then you really don’t get the reward yet... **3** *In the same way we also, when we were children, or when God’s people only had the promise to Abraham and the Law from Moses were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.* The people of God were trying to make themselves holy by their own works and the Law and not trusting in the promise given to Abraham. **4** *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

Ex: Now we no longer look to works but to the fulfilment of the promise made to Abraham to be redeemed. Now we are a son and an heir whom has received the inheritance. What inheritance? That if you put your faith and trust in Jesus’ sacrifice for your sin to be holy and right before God (and not your works) you will be a new creation, in a right relationship with God, now and forever & God has given you his Holy Spirit into our hearts!

Trans: So what’s the problem with the Galatians?

8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years! 11 I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

Ex: How can you Galatians who are recipients of being in right relationship with God through Jesus and now have the Holy Spirit go back to trying to make yourself right with God by what you do? Do you know that fails every time?

Application of Sons & Heirs

1. If you accept Jesus... You're a son and heir who is identified as a new creation right before God & you have HS
 - a. Who do you trust in to make you right with God? Have you actually accepted Jesus to make you right with God? Up to this point have you confused your salvation with the elementary teachings of this world which say you can be right with God based off if you're a good person? If you accept Jesus tonight you can be right with God both now and forever not based off of what you do or don't do!
 - b. If you have already accepted Jesus or just did then you have the Spirit of God in your heart! The Spirit of God will convict you of sin, give you promptings toward God appointed conversations or actions, will produce in you a new kind of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control!
2. If you accept Jesus you don't have to go back to being right with God by your own works!
 - a. Some of you think you need to get good grades in high school, please everyone around you, go to church all of the time, be nice to everyone, or have a certain reputation. If you can just avoid failure or be this or win people for Jesus then God will be pleased with your life and care about you more. Your growth in God comes by a relationship with Him and him working in and through you. Remember you have God's Spirit living inside you. So if you want to grow as a Christian... 1. Repent.... Look to the Bible, God's Spirit inside you and certainly mature Christians to help you see where you're not following Jesus and you can turn from living for yourself and live for him instead. 2. Have faith- Get to know God by reading the bible and surrendering your life to live in light of what God's Word says. Have faith that God's plan is better than what your plan is for life. Everyone who seeks life will lose it but whoever loses his life for Christ's sake will find it! There is living water to be found in Jesus when we have faith that He is better!

Qu: A new creation is what actually counts but who gets to decide who is new and who is not new? Gal 1-2

Qu: If I'm a new creation and that's what counts instead of doing good things then what about works? Gal 5

9/23/2015	καινή κτίσις -Anyone in, anyone out	Galatians 1-2
9/30/2015	καινή κτίσις -Created by God, Grown By God	Galatians 3
10/7/2015	καινή κτίσις -Sons & Heirs	Galatians 4:1-11
10/14/2015	καινή κτίσις - Freedom	Galatians 5:1-13
10/21/2015	Morton Rec Center - καινή κτίσις -Spirit Awareness 1	Galatians 5:16-18
10/28/2015	No Youth Group- Leader Encouragement	n/a
11/4/2015	Worship Night- A leader shares?	
11/11/2015	καινή κτίσις -Spirit Awareness 2	Galatians 5:19-26
11/18/2015	καινή κτίσις -A New Creation	Galatians 6