

Heirs of Promise Church

"Bringing Our Fruit Back To God"

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Num. 13:20

Title: The New Man In Christ

6-7-26

Text: **2 Cor. 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

I. Our new man grows up spiritually: Ephes. 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

A. (4) Stages of Spiritual Growth

a. Baby: **Hebrews 5:13** For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

b. Child: **Ephes. 4:14-15** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; [15] But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

c. Youth: **Psalms 71:17** O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

d. Adult: **Hebrews 5:14** But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil

II. We are created in righteousness: Ephes. 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

righteousness: **Greek.** = Justification (Just as if we had never sinned.)
Because of the Blood of Jesus. As Adam was before sin entered into humanity.

a. We display spiritual fruit: **Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

b. Abiding in the Vine (Jesus, The Word): **John 15:5** I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

c. We are filled with the Power of God: **2 Tim. 1:7** For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

d. We are living in the Kingdom: **Col. 1:12-13** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: [13] Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Kingdom: **Greek.** = basileia, bas-il-i'-ah; royalty, a realm where we rule and reign as King's Kids.

III. We are seated In Christ: **Ephes. 2:4-6** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, [5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) [6] And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

a. We have spiritual authority: **Luke 10:19** Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

power: **Greek.** = delegated authority. Like a police officer who stops traffic because of his delegated authority.

b. One day we will be absent from the body: **2 Cor. 5:8** We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Conclusion: Knowing who we are In Christ helps us to hear the voice of God and be led by the Spirit of God. We grow up spiritually by feeding on the Word of God and being doers of the Word.