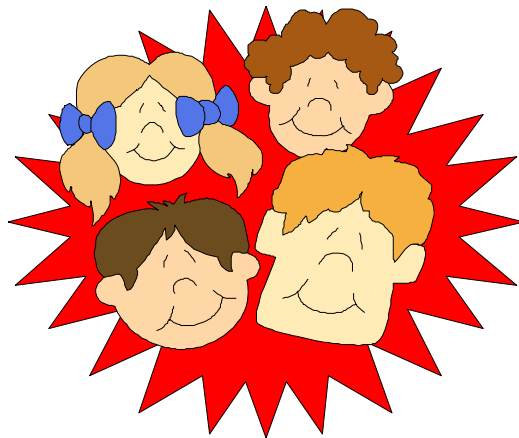


HAPPY NEW YOU!

Part I



**OUR DAILY BREAD**

Junior Edition

12-30-07



## **SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:**

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

(John 14:6 KJB)

*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.* (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.*

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)



**to all of our readers!**

This is such a great time of year to think about  
**NEW THINGS!**

The **OLD YEAR** is now completely gone - it's passed away. The **NEW YEAR** is now begun!

At this time of year, lots of people make promises to themselves that they will live in a **NEW WAY** in the **NEW YEAR!** These promises are called  
**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!**

What is a **RESOLUTION**? A resolution is a **DECISION** that a person makes to do something a certain way, & they are **DETERMINED** to do it! For instance, some people who kept their room sloppy all last year might make the **RESOLUTION** to keep their room neat every day this coming year. This is a **DECISION** they make. They are **DETERMINED** to do it starting January 1st & continue doing it from then on every day. They plan all kinds of things to help them do it. They plan to set aside time just for cleaning their room. Perhaps they plan to purchase or make organizers for their drawers & closets that will help them keep their room neat each day. Now of course, that is an example of good resolution to make, but the problem is that very often we do **NOT** stick to our resolutions!

Here is a resolution that we **SHOULD MAKE**  
& one that we **SHOULD STICK** to **EVERY DAY:**

“See then that ye walk circumspectly (live each day being very careful how you think, speak, act), not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.” Ephesians 5:15-17KJB

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you **SHOULD** make the **RESOLUTION** - the **DECISION** - that you will be **DETERMINED** to spend some time each day learning what God wants you to learn about Him & how you should be living - how you should be thinking, speaking, acting.



Read your King James Bible each day. Go to a church where God’s Word is **CAREFULLY TAUGHT!** Obey God each day. Make the **RESOLUTION** - **DECIDE TO BE DETERMINED** - to know God really well as your Father & Friend. Determine to know how much He **LOVES YOU**. Determine to know all He has done for you through Jesus Christ & the cross. Determine to understand & obey what God’s will is for **YOU** each day. Then **DO JUST THAT!** Each day **STICK** to that wonderful New Year’s Resolution! God promises that if you do that, you’ll have a great year - even when troubles come your way!

And since at this time of year, many of us have our minds on **NEW THINGS**, this is a good time of year to talk about **NEW THINGS** that God does. Did you know that if you have accepted Jesus Christ

as your Savior, God has done something NEW for you & in you the very INSTANT you believed in Him as your Savior?

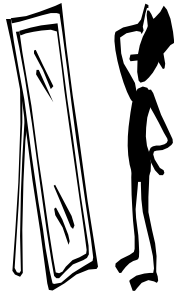
Let's read what that SOMETHING NEW is:

"Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is a new creature*, old things are passed away; Behold all things are become new."

2Corinthians 5:17 KJB

What is the Lord saying here? What does the Lord mean when He says that those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior are NEW CREATURES?

Have you have trusted in Jesus as your Savior?



### LOOK IN THE MIRROR!

Do you still look like

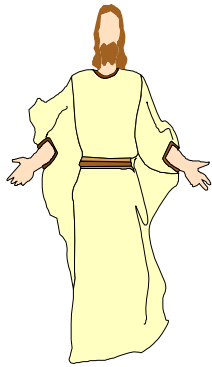
A HUMAN BEING?

Well, OF COURSE YOU DO!

When the Lord tells us that those who are in Christ are new creatures, He is NOT talking about changing our outward physical appearance. He is NOT talking about changing us into some other kind of creature! So what IS this NEW CREATURE that the Lord makes us to be? What ARE the OLD THINGS that are passed away? What ARE the things that are BECOME NEW?

Well, lets read some scriptures that tell us some of the NEW THINGS that happen to us the very INSTANT we simply believe in Jesus as our Savior. These scriptures will help us find out what this NEW

CREATURE God has made us to be is. These scriptures will help us find out what the OLD THINGS are that have passed away. These scriptures will help us find out how God has made us NEW!



“Verily verily (That means truly, truly. When Jesus repeats like that, He’s telling us that what He is about to say is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO KNOW), I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”

John 5:24 KJB

Did you notice those underlined word? Those words tell us some of the NEW THINGS that God does for all those who simply BELIEVE in Jesus Christ as their Savior. The instant a person simply believes in Jesus as their Savior, God gives that person a NEW LIFE. That person is NO LONGER CONDEMNED. They pass from death into life! What is God talking about here? Well, the Bible tells us that when we are born into this world, we are born as CONDEMNED SINNERS because of that 1st man Adam who sinned in the Garden of Eden. Here is what God says about that:

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

Romans 5:12 KJB

God says that because of Adam, ALL men are born into this world as sinners. Even though we are physically ALIVE, God says we are SPIRITUALLY DEAD in our sins - NOT right with God! Ephesians 2:1-3 & Romans 3:10-23 tell us that. As sinners, we are separated from God. Spiritually dead people cannot have a relationship with God. In fact, Romans 5:10 tells us that we are His enemy at that time. Because of our sin nature, we are born CONDEMNED to eternal death in the Lake of Fire. That is the CONDITION we are born in. Those are the THINGS that God says are true of us the instant we are born. And those things REMAIN true about us if we choose NOT to believe in Jesus as our Savior.

**HOWEVER, thank God that**

we do NOT have to STAY in that CONDEMNED CONDITION. Those things do NOT have to remain in our lives!



When Jesus went to the cross, He paid the price for our sins IN FULL. And so, God says now that if we believe in Jesus all those OLD THINGS about us - our SINFUL CONDITION, our being CONDEMNED to the LAKE OF FIRE, our being OUTSIDE GOD'S FAMILY, separated from Him - all those OLD THINGS are passed away. The instant we believe in Jesus, God gives us NEW LIFE, ETERNAL LIFE! He NO LONGER CONDEMNNS US. We will NEVER end up in the Lake of Fire. We will go on living with God FOREVER. Why? Because the instant we believe in Jesus, God gives us a NEW RELATIONSHIP with Him. We are NO

LONGER His enemy.

Here is our NEW RELATIONSHIP to God:



“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:”

Romans 8:16 KJB

That is the NEW CREATURE God makes us to be! He makes us His CHILDREN forever! We are no longer His enemy, we are no longer condemned to the Lake of Fire! We are now NEW CREATURES! We are His CHILDREN, headed for HEAVEN someday to be with Him forever!

The NEW CREATURE that God makes us to be when we simply believe in Christ is also sometimes called the NEW MAN. This next scripture tells us something else about this NEW CREATURE or NEW MAN:

“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Ephesians 4:24 KJB

The instant we believe in Jesus as our Savior, God does something NEW in us. Jesus comes to live inside us through His Spirit. He forgives all our sins, & He makes us RIGHT with Him. He gives us the gift of His righteousness & holiness. Now THAT sure is something to celebrate & be happy about! So if you have believed in Jesus, instead of us saying Happy New Year to you, we say:

HAPPY NEW YOU!



## BIBLE STUDY

If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, God has made YOU a NEW MAN! As we said, all this NEWNESS is something God does on the INSIDE of you. All these things are INVISIBLE to our human eyes. Only God can see these things. HOWEVER!!!! There is a way that we are able to see the RESULTS of all these changes God has made in us. See if you can figure out how you, as well as others, can see the CHANGES God has made INSIDE you on the OUTSIDE!

Read Ephesians 4:22-32 KJB  
Ephesians 5:1-33 KJB  
Ephesians 6:1-18 KJB

Colossians 3:8-17 KJB

Romans 12:1-2 KJB

# GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Pastor John A. Ricci

## Sunday Morning Service

10:00 A.M.

Sunday Transportation Service ~ Call 24 hours Prior

## Weekly Services

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:30 P.M.

## Prayer Meeting

Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

## Communion Service

First Sunday of Every Month

## Children's Prep School (Ages 5-14) & Mother's Room

Available for Every Service

## Email

info@gracecfellowship.org

## Directions

### From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

### From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Right*.



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