

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
Speaker, Robert Emerson
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
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“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Servants during September:**

Songleader: Peter (4), Stanley (11), Larry (18), Peter (25)

Reading: Larry

Announcements: Marty

Table: Mike M, Mike B, Stanley, Peter

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (7), Stanley (14), Kris (21), Larry (28)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Kris (4), Marty (11), Stanley (18), Larry (25)

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What It Means to Be a New Man

by Dee Bowman

Jesus said, “unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God,” Jn 3:3. What does it mean to be born again? It means one who has been forgiven of his sins and born into a new relationship “by water and the Spirit,” v5. It means he is baptized into Christ, a new man. This person is then admonished to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,” 2 Pet 3:18.

There are certain noticeable characteristics that become evident in this new creature. He has a new Lord, a new mentor, a new example to emulate in this new life. He has a new attitude, a different disposition about what is important and what deserves his concentration. He has new goals and new ways of accomplishing those goals. He is a new man.

What is involved in being a new man? “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things

passed away; behold, new things have come,” 2 Cor 5:17. And so, this new man—first of all—has done away with the old things, things having to do with the flesh. He has a new vision of himself because he has a new vision of the Savior—he is “in” (is connected to) Christ. This new relationship has promises that the carnal man cannot have, that the flesh cannot provide. He is now connected to Him who was resurrected from the dead by whom his own resurrection is assured. “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him,” 1 Jn 3:2. This realization will put a new accent for this new man—an emphasis on the eternal instead of the corporeal. It will join this new born-again believer to the eternal through Jesus Christ, the resurrected

one.


"[I]f you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth," Col 3:1,2. First of all, his aspirations have taken on a new flavor, one that has eternal implications. He is no longer connected to the world. He will seek those things that have a genuine quality and substance. And he will set his affections, the things for which he has genuine care and concern, on the things that transcend where he is and are solidly fixed in heaven.

And notice the practical, everyday implications of this new relationship with Christ

The new man will put giving above getting. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," he is told by his Master, Acts 20:35. Now that takes some getting used to. It's a learned attribute. You have to work at it. But once a man knows the joy of giving—giving expecting no reciprocity, he begins to realize what Jesus meant when He said "it's more blessed to give than receive." The new man extends himself to be available to others, whatever their needs—and not just giving into the church treasury, but personally giving from the abundance of his own blessings. And he gives more than money—he gives time, he gives talent, he gives attention. And all these things are given without regard to the fact that the recipient has done nothing at all to deserve them.

The new man puts serving above ruling. The new man is a servant. Why? Because his Master was a servant. After washing the disciples' feet, Jesus said, "I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you," Jn 13:15. There is no room in His kingdom for pomposity, ego, or inordinate self-importance. The new man has a new mission in life—to put himself at the disposal of others, to be of service where ever and whenever he can. Hear Jesus again: "'If I then the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet," v14. That needs no elaboration.

The new man puts forgiving before vengeance. "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you," Eph 4:31,32. This new man has the same spirit of forgiveness as does his Master. He looks for ways to reconcile, not ways to separate. He wants to forgive, not avenge. "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. ...If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men," Rom 12:17,18. He does not, and he will not, compromise the truth, but he nonetheless looks for ways to give what he has been given—forgiveness.

The new man. The forgiven man. The servant man. The forgiving spirit. The inveterate follower of Jesus Christ. That's the new man. 

None of Self and All of Thee

Oh, the bitter pain and sorrow
That a time could ever be
When I proudly said to Jesus—
"All of self and none of Thee."

Yet He found me; I beheld Him
Bleeding on th' accursed tree;
And my wistful heart said faintly
"Some of self and some of Thee."

Day by day His tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free,
Brought me lower, while I whispered—
"Less of self, and more of Thee!"

Higher than the highest heavens,
Deeper than the deepest sea,
"Lord, Thy love at last has conquered:
None of self and all of Thee!"

—Theodore Monod 

Remember in Prayer

Joyce continues to deal with her cancer; she will have treatments on her throat for the next several weeks. Compounding prior ongoing health issues, Stanley and Alice's grandson has contracted Covid, but appears to be getting better. Please also

remember the Beddingfield's, Carolyn Dennis, the Emerson's, and Dot Hice.

Pray for our national, state, and local leaders, as well as those overseas. 