



ROMANS

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2 Corinthians 5:17 says: *We are a new creation in Christ.*

1. We receive a new **mind**.

- a. Romans 8:5-8 *Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.*
- b. The new mind of Christ **changes** our **mindset**.
- c. The mind can be set on either the **flesh** or the **Spirit**.
- d. Ephesians 4:22-24 *that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*
- e. The spiritual mind brings **life** and **peace**.
- f. The sinful mind is **hostile**, **rebellious** and cannot please God.

2. We receive new **power**.

- a. Romans 8:9-11 *You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives (dwells) in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 And*

if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

- b. The Spirit lives in you to **influence** you.
- c. The body is in state of **dying** but your spirit is **alive** to God.
- d. The Holy Spirit gives **life** to your **mortal** body.

3. We receive a new **identity**.

- a. Romans 8:12-14 *Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. 14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*
- b. Children of God have a **responsibility**. (obligation means a debt owed)
- c. Colossians 3:3 *For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*
- d. Put to death means bring to an end the **misdeeds** of our **behavior**.
- e. 1 Samuel 5:7-9 *When the people realized what was happening, they cried out, “We can’t keep the Ark of the God of Israel here any longer! He is against us! We will all be destroyed along with Dagon, our god.” 8 So they called together the rulers of the Philistine towns and asked, “What should we do with the Ark of the God of Israel?” The rulers discussed it and replied, “Move it to the town of Gath.” So they moved the Ark of the God of Israel to Gath. 9 But when the Ark arrived at Gath, the Lord’s heavy hand fell on its men, young and old; he struck them with a plague of tumors, and there was a great panic.*
- f. We are led by the **Spirit** not **controlled** by the flesh or by the law.
- g. What **identity** do people see in **us**?