



Sermon Notes

New Creation Characteristics

II Corinthians 5:14-17

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1. We've been given the ability to hear God in our hearts.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 36:26-28 NIV

- As God speaks, are we listening?
(Hebrews 3:15)
- The new creation allows greater ability to hear God's voice.
(Isaiah 30:19-24; John 10:2-3; Hebrews 8:7-13)

2. We've become partakers in the divine nature.

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:3-4

- The new creation places within us the substance of God.
(Galatians 2:20; Titus 3:4-7; Romans 8:16-17)

3. The new creation is activated through regeneration!

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:15

- Regeneration involves: putting on and taking off!
(Colossians 3:9-14; Ephesians 4:21-32)

4. Are you living out of the new creation within you?

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:2-3