

# NEW CREATION/RIGHTEOUSNESS

## **I. At Salvation We Become New Creatures.**

- A. Our inner spiritual being changes 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- B. We receive a new nature 2 Peter 1:2-4.

## **II. At Salvation, We Receive Eternal Life 1 John 5:11, 12.**

- A. A new kind of life comes in us. Zoe - (Greek) Life of God (in you).
- B. Life of God in us enables us to be like God. When you have His life, you have His attributes and potential in you.

## **III. At Salvation, God Declares Us to Be Righteous and Makes Us Righteous—the Very Righteousness of God 2 Corinthians 5:21.**

- A. Righteousness means it is all that God requires a man to be that he could never be in himself.
  - 1. We can stand in God's presence without any sense of guilt or condemnation.
  - 2. The guilty verdict is removed, and we have been acquitted. We stand justified or just as if we had never sinned.
- B. He, God the Father, made Jesus to be sin—not a sinner—not to perform sin but to be sin as a substitute for us.
  - 1. God put the sin of the world upon the sinless Christ.
  - 2. Because Jesus was sinless, He could receive the judgment/penalty for all sin.
  - 3. Once He paid our price/penalty, we could receive His righteousness as a gift.
  - 4. God has just grounds to forgive us and declare us to be righteous. God did not pretend like sin did not happen but the judgment or penalty for it fell on Jesus.
  - 5. There are legal grounds that stand the test of the Throne Room of God, the highest court in the universe.