

Study Guide

Series: Am I Saved?

Message: *Spiritual Awakening*

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Text: 2 Corinthians 5.17



Objective: Am I saved? We want to *explore* what it means to have a *spiritual awakening in Christ*.

Review: Our Salvation in Christ (Acts 4.12)

1. _____ Sin – Romans 3.23. For everyone has sinned, we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.
2. _____ Salvation – the belief that through Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection, humanity can be forgiven for their sins, reconciled to God, and receive eternal life. (Romans 1.16)
3. The *three steps* of Christ’s Salvation:
 - a) _____ of Sin (John 16.8) – *hearing* the gospel, the Holy Spirit *convicts* you of sin, *leading* to *godly sorrow*, and *returning* to God through Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 7.10).
 - b) _____ Christ (Romans 10.9-10) - you *believe* in your *heart* and *confess* with your mouth that Christ is *Lord*, you are baptized to *identify* with Him, marking the start of your journey in Him, and your unity with His Body, the Church.
 - c) _____ in Christ (Titus 3.5) – you have been *cleansed* from your sins and made *new by the Holy Spirit*, giving you a new nature, and a new desire to live according to God’s will.

Reflections: **(1)** How does the reality of universal sin shape your understanding of the need for salvation through Jesus Christ? **(2)** How does believing in your heart and confessing your faith in Jesus as Lord reflect in your daily commitment to follow Him? **(3)** How does your identity with Christ’s death and burial grant you victory over sin? (Romans 6.6-7)

Today’s Study: Spiritual Awakening (2 Corinthians 5.17)

1. _____ in Christ: v.17a. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation

Notes: _____

Study Questions:

- a) What does it mean to be a 'new creation' in Christ?
- b) Why is it important to recognize our new identity in Christ?
- c) How does your new identity differ from your old identity?

Reflection: How does your new identity in Christ change the way you view yourself?

2. _____ Passed: v17b. old things have passed away;

Notes: _____

Study Question:

- a) What is the significance of the phrase 'the old has passed away'?
- b) What are some examples of old things that have passed away in your life?
- c) How does Satan control our thoughts, feelings, and desires in his world system? (Reference 2 Corinthians 4.4)

Reflection: In what areas of your life do you still feel attached to the '*old things*' that have passed away? What steps do you need to embrace in your new life in Christ?

3. _____ has started: v17c. behold all things become new

Notes: _____

Study Questions:

- a) How does your new life in Christ change your purpose?
- b) What is the role of the Holy Spirit in this new life?
- c) Does our new life change our relationship with others?

Reflection: How does the Holy Spirit guide you to living out your new life in Christ? What areas of your life are the Holy Spirit transforming into Christ's likeness?

Takeaway: In Christ, we are made new; our past no longer defines us. By faith in Jesus, we embrace a new start, and a new identity being led by the Holy Spirit.