

Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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For Today:

What Does It Mean that a Christian is a New Creation?

The new creation is described in 2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” Our lives are no longer worldly; they are now spiritual. Our “death” is that of the old sin nature which was nailed to the cross with Christ. It was buried with Him, and just as He was raised up by the Father, so are we raised up to “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul refers to the newly raised up person as the “new creation.”

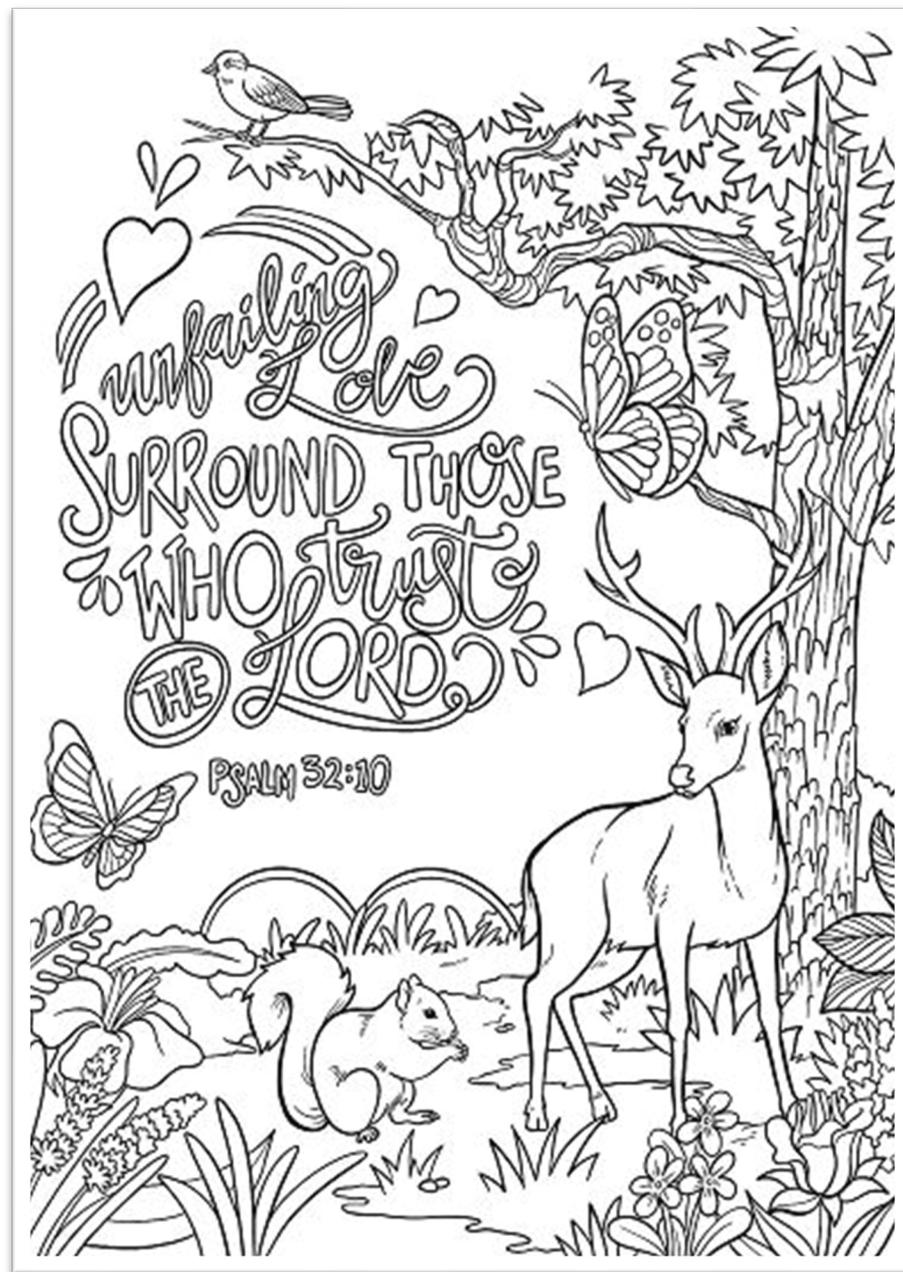
The new creation is something created by God. John 1:13 tells us that this new birth was brought about by the will of God. We did not inherit the new nature or decide to re-create ourselves anew. Neither did God simply clean up our old nature; He created something entirely fresh and unique. The new creation is completely new, brought about from nothing, just as the whole universe was created by God from nothing. Only the Creator could accomplish such a feat.

Second, “old things have passed away.” The “old” refers to everything that is part of our old nature—natural pride, love of sin, reliance on works, and our former opinions, habits, and passions. What we loved has passed away, especially the supreme love of self as well as self-righteousness, self-promotion, and self-justification. The new person looks outwardly toward Christ instead of inwardly toward self. The old things died, nailed to the cross with our sin nature.

Old, dead things are replaced with new things, full of life and the glory of God. The newborn soul delights in the things of God. Our purposes, feelings, desires, and understandings are fresh and different. We see the world differently. The Bible seems to be a new book, with a beauty about it which we never saw before. There are new feelings toward all people—a new kind of love toward family and friends, a new compassion never before felt for enemies, and a new love for all mankind. The sin we once held onto, we now desire to put away forever.

What about the Christian who continues to sin? There is a difference between continuing to sin and continuing to live in sin. No one reaches sinless perfection in this life, but the redeemed Christian is being sanctified (made holy) day by day, sinning less and hating it more each time he fails.

Yes, we still sin, but unwillingly and less and less frequently as we mature. The difference is that the new creation is no longer a slave to sin, as we formerly were. We are now freed from sin and it no longer has power over us. Now we are empowered by and for righteousness.



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Sabbath, May 1, 2021



Sabbath Worship

Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome	Manfred Bauer
Sabbath School Superintendent	Manfred Bauer
Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:35 a.m.	Robert Steele

God's Family in Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Hymn of the Month, "Hold Fast Till I Come" Hymn 600

Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m. Manfred Bauer

Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer.

Opening Hymn, "Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus!" Hymn 618

Scripture: Romans 5:17-18 (see below)

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering: Local Church Budget

Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 694

Children's Story Wally Remitz

Special Music Clark Fork Ensemble

Sermon: **And When They Couldn't Pay** Wally Remitz

Closing Hymn, "Lead Me to Calvary" Hymn 317

Benediction

Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and blessing. Please join us for potluck in the Fellowship Hall, following our service. Vegetarian/vegan contributions preferred.

Upcoming: Sabbath, May 8, Speaker Unconfirmed

Announcements

All children in attendance today are invited to color a copy of the bulletin!

Up from the Ordinary: Women's and Young Women's Virtual Retreat: Be Clark Fork women are invited to attend this special event between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. today in our Fellowship Hall. We will break for normal potluck lunch. Keynote speaker will be Jean Boonstra (Voice of Prophecy).

Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays from 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The group is continuing its study of the book of Daniel. All are welcome to attend!

Are You a Lazy Cook? Sometimes you just want to come home from a long day and not have to worry about cooking a fancy meal. Does that mean it has to be unhealthy? Cindy Williams, UCC Health Ministries Coordinator, explores how to improve your meals when you are low on energy and time. Read the story at news.uccsda.org/Cook42821.

Virtual Camp Meeting, June 14–19. Main speakers are Randy Maxwell, Ron Halvorsen, Jr., and Minner Labrador.

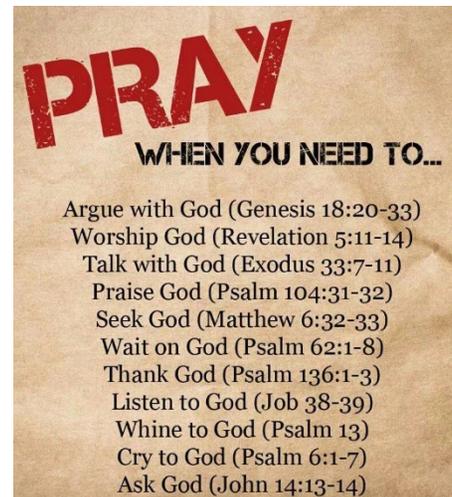
Clark Fork Vacation Bible School, Week of June 14, every day from 9 a.m. to noon: Theme "Guarding the Castle," led by Yvonne Eller-Hunt.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request, please call Janet Remitz at 406-847-5526. No matter how small, no matter how large your request!

Romans 5:17-18

17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

18 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.



Clark Fork, sunset tonight: 7:59 p.m.; next Friday night: 8:08 p.m.