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THE NEW IDENTITY: WHAT REDEMPTION
ACCOMPLISHES.

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Text: 2 Corinthians 5:17

[17] "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new5 creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new".

This verse indicates that anyone united with Christ through faith becomes a completely new creation, not merely a rehabilitated one.

The old, sin-focused life is gone, and a new life energized by the Holy Spirit begins.

It signifies a spiritual rebirth and a transformation of inner identity and purpose.

A New Beginning: The past — with its failures, guilt, and old sinful habits — is passed away, leaving room for a new life.

Internal Transformation: This is not a superficial, external change, but a profound renewal of the heart and mind.

Freedom from Sin: While not reaching sinless perfection immediately, the new creation is no longer a slave to sin, but is empowered to live for righteousness.

Identity in Christ: A believer's identity shifts from their former life to one that is defined by their union with Jesus.

A New Perspective: A believer gains a new, spiritual perspective on life, God, and others, often marked by a new capacity for love and compassion. This transformation is viewed as a "new creation," emphasizing that it is a direct work of God's grace, not a change that can be achieved alone.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) states: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

This highlights that believers are God's crafted masterpiece, designed for a purposeful life of good deeds that He prearranged, rather than achieving salvation through their own efforts.

Key Themes and Interpretations:

"God's Handiwork" (or Workmanship): implying that believers are skillfully crafted by God.

"Created in Christ Jesus": This refers to a spiritual rebirth or transformation, indicating that this new identity is found only through union with Christ.

"For Good Works": Good works are not the cause of salvation (which is by grace through faith in vs. 8-9), but the intended result and purpose of it.

"Prepared in Advance": God has already planned the specific, purposeful paths and acts of service for believers to live out.

Context within Ephesians 2:10 serves as the conclusion to Paul's argument about salvation. After stating that salvation is a gift from God and not earned by works (2:8–9), he clarifies that saved people are designed for a new life of service.

Romans 8:16-17

[16]The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

[17]and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Romans 8:16-17 states that the Holy Spirit confirms to believers that they are God's children.

As children, they are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, inheriting spiritual blessings. This inheritance includes sharing in Christ's glory, which requires sharing in his sufferings.

This is the Assurance of Sonship (v. 16): The Spirit works with the human spirit to provide an inward conviction that believers are adopted into God's family.

Heirs of God (v. 17): As God's children, believers are entitled to inherit the kingdom and spiritual blessings, with Christ as the primary heir.

Suffering and Glory (v. 17): Sharing in Christ's suffering (trials, persecution) is linked to sharing in his future glory.

These verses, highlighting them spiritual adoption, inheritance, and connection between suffering and glory.