

The New Man

- I.** There are several metaphors describing New Testament saints, each depicting different facets of that same group: Church, flock of sheep, Body of Christ, building, the Bride, the Wife, cultivated field, The Christ, vine, Complete Man, New Man.
 - 1. Same group of people.
 - 2. Accenting different riches received at salvation.
- II.** Christians' mental battle between the Old Man and New Man.
 - 1. Old Man—our imputed relationship to Adam (Rom. 5:19).
 - 1) Inherited sin nature (Rom. 5:19).
 - 2) State of spiritual death—separated from God (Rom. 5:17).
 - 2. New Man—our imputed relationship in Christ, which:
 - 1) Christ created in Himself (Eph. 2:15; 4:24; Col. 3:10).
 - 2) Consists of the Body of Christ (Eph. 2:15; 4:25; Col. 3:11).
 - 3) All those who make up the New Man received the same benefits (Col. 3:11).
 - 4) Consists primarily of Gentiles (Eph. 2:11-16; Acts 15:14).
 - 5) **In** the New Man, fellow Body members are neighbors (Eph. 4:24).
 - 6) The "New" man is 'new' in quality and in time (Eph. 2:15; 4:24; Col. 3:10).
- III.** The New Man was created and thus a creation.
 - 1. Created to have an entirely new perspective (2 Cor. 5:17).
 - 1) Regarding one's lifestyle (2 Cor. 5:15).
 - 2) Regarding the risen Christ (2 Cor. 5:16).
 - 2. Created to live a lifestyle performing assigned good works (Eph. 2:10).
 - 3. Created to put off former conduct—Old Man (Eph. 4:22, 25-29; Col. 3:7-9).
 - 4. Created to minister to the Body, even in contentious times (Col. 3:12-15).

Christ created the New Man in Himself consisting of all New Testament believers *emphasizing all Christians' new potential to live righteously.*