

New Creation

Speaker

Pastor Mike Canji



**August 24,
2025**

Key Scriptures

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

John 3:16

Galatians 2:36-38

Message Summary

At the heart of the gospel is this truth: *God truly loves us*. His love is wide enough to embrace the whole world (John 3:16), long enough to pursue us no matter where we run, deep enough to meet us in our sin (Rom. 5:8), and high enough to carry us into eternity with Him (John 14:1–3). There is no greater love than laying down one's life for a friend (John 15:13), and that is exactly what Jesus did for us.

Paul prayed that believers would grasp “how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ” (Eph. 3:18–19), because His love changes everything. His sacrifice not only saves us, but it compels us to live for Him (2 Cor. 5:14). To be “in Christ” means more than knowing *about* Him; it means belonging to Him. As Paul explained, those who are baptized into Christ are clothed with Christ, children of God through faith, made one in Him (Gal. 3:26–28). Every one of us begins as a sinner (Rom. 3:23), but through Christ, we are invited into new life, forgiven and restored.

This is why Paul proclaims with joy: “If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Cor. 5:17). In Him, the past is erased, our hearts and minds are made new, and our eternity is secure. The miracle of new creation is the greatest transformation we can experience. It's bigger than healing, bigger than provision, because it is the moment we pass from death to life (John 5:24).

Quotes

The Christian life has a beginning. No one is born a Christian. All are born sinners.

— Pastor Mike Canji

Only in Christ is our sinful debt canceled, our relationship with God restored, and our eternity secured.

— Pastor Mike Canji

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your sacrifice. It is only because of You that I am made new, forgiven, and restored. Help me to live each day in my true identity as a new creation. I choose to leave the past behind, and fix my eyes on You. My future is bright with you, Jesus!

Reflection

What Do You Think?

Reflect on these questions independently or discuss them with your Life Group.

Questions

1. Which part of today's message stood out the most to you, and why?

2. Can you think of a time when something in your life felt completely new (a relationship, a job, a new house, etc)? How did that experience affect you?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17, then answer this question: What parts of your old self have you seen God erase, and transform into something new?

4. Read Romans 5:8, then answer this question: What is the significance of Christ dying for us *while we were still sinners*?

5. Revelation 3:20 pictures Jesus standing at the door and knocking. Are there any "doors" in your life that you are afraid to open to God?

Looking for more resources?

Visit parkwoodwindsor.com/study for a full collection of our sermon studies.



PARKWOOD
G O S P E L C H U R C H