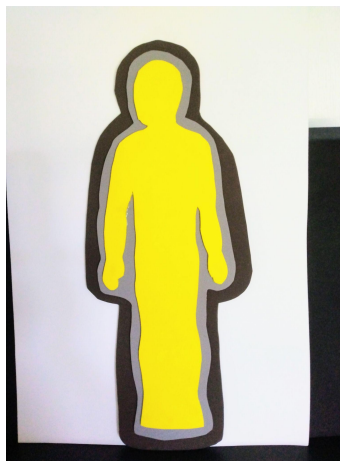


**The Treasure in our 'earthen vessel'**



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**Slide 1 shows 'treasure'**

**THE NEW CREATION - in this earthen vessel.**

**2 Corinthians 4:7:** And we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

...But we have this treasure in jars of clay

WE: This is something of great value within us, but we are like pots made of earth and clay. This power is greater than any other power. But it comes from God, not from us.

**2 Corinthians 5:1:** For we have known that if our earthly house of the tabernacle may be thrown down, a building from God we have, an house not made with hands -- age-during -- in the heavens, Young's Literal

....Our bodies are like tents that we live in here on earth.

**You have a 'treasure' in this 'tent': a new creation that has never existed before.**

**2 Cor. 5:17**

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Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].

....The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

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Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.

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This means that our knowledge of men can no longer be based on their outward lives (indeed, even though we knew Christ as a man we do not know him like that any longer). For if a man is in Christ he becomes a new person altogether—the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. All this is God's doing, for he has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ;

Message

anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it! All this comes from the God

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so that if any one [is] in Christ -- [he is] a new creature; the old things did pass away, lo, become new have the all things.

A new way of looking @ yourself: spirit not flesh

**2 Corinthians 5:14b-18a:** Since we believe that Christ died for all of us, we should also believe that we have died to the old life we used to live. 15 He died for all so that all who live—having received eternal life from him—might live no longer for themselves, to please themselves, but to spend their lives pleasing Christ who died and rose again for them. 16 So stop evaluating Christians by what the world thinks about them or by what they seem to be like on the outside. Once I mistakenly thought of Christ that way, merely as a human being like myself. How differently I feel now! 17 When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! 18

All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did. Living Bible



**Slide 2: You are a triune (3-part) being**

You ARE a spirit; you possess a soul; you live in a body.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23**

May the God of peace himself make you entirely pure and devoted to God; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept strong and blameless until that day when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again.

AMOP: And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

**1 Thessalonians 5:24**

FAITHFUL IS HE WHO CALLS YOU WHO ALSO WILL DO IT

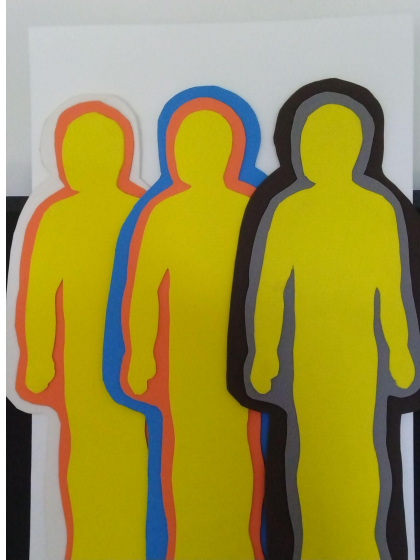
Jesus said, "God is a spirit", **John 4:24**

God made you a spirit in His image:

**Genesis 1:26**: Let us make man in our image and after our likeness:

image: spiritual being

likeness: physical form



**Slide 3: God's Life: given to His Son & given to us.**

That Life which the Father has IN Himself, He gave to His Only-Begotten Son to have in Himself, and the Son gives to those who believe on Him.

Zoe: **1 John 5:11&12:** what is it that God has said? That he has given us eternal life and that this life is in his Son. 12 So whoever has God's Son has life; whoever does not have his Son, does not have life.



**Slide 4: Once you were darkness but now you are light**

**Ephesians 5:8:**

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

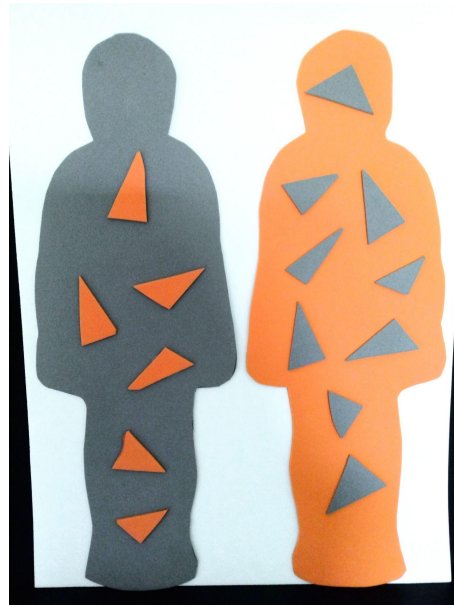
For once you were full of darkness....

for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light

...[live as those who are native-born to the Light]

You used to be like people living in the dark, but now you are people of the light because you belong to the Lord. So act like people of the light

Weymouth New Testament: There was a time when you were nothing but darkness. Now, as Christians, you are Light itself.



**Slide 5: Let's talk about your soul**

**Romans 12:2**

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Don't become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think.

Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

You have the Mind of Christ (in your recreated spirit)

**1 Cor. 2:16:**

New Living Translation

For, "Who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?"

But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

As your mind is renewed, you 'put on' the new creation you have become.

Amplified Bible

For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND and PURPOSES OF THE LORD, SO AS TO INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ [to be guided by His thoughts and purposes].



**Slide 6: Our Goal: Putting on the New You**

**Ephesians 4:24**

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and to clothe yourselves with the new nature, which was created according to God's image in righteousness and true holiness.

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fling off the dirty clothes of the old way of living, which were rotted through and through with lust's illusions, and, with yourselves mentally and spiritually re-made, to put on the clean fresh clothes of the new life which was made by God's design for righteousness and the holiness which is no illusion.

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and that ye put on the new man, which is created in conformity to God in righteousness and in the holiness of the truth.

....put on the new nature

....put on the new self

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and to clothe yourselves with the new self created in God's image, in the way of uprightness and holiness that belong to the truth.

**Summarizing:**

You have a treasure inside your body

That treasure is a spiritual creation: a species that has never existed before.

Receiving Jesus as Savior produced this new creation through being born again.

You were once spiritual darkness now YOU ARE Light in the Lord.

The way to make your Father's Heart happy:

learn about the New You

This is called 'renewing the mind'. Your mind is not recreated, it is renewed.

The goal of mind renewal: putting 'on' the new you in everyday life.

God put the 'new you' in you to 'help you' NOW.

**Declaration:**

I am a spirit.

What kind of spirit am I? According to 2 Cor. 5:17 if I am in Christ I am a new creation.

And who is that new creation?

According to Galatians 2:20: it is no longer I that lives but it is Christ that lives in me, and the life that I now live in this flesh I live by putting on this new man.