

# "A RENEWED PERSONALITY"

2 Cor. 5:17

## I. Three States of the Soul

- A. Without Christ - the state of nature, <sup>Eph. 2:12</sup>
- B. In Christ - the state of grace.
- C. With Christ - the state of glory. <sub>Phil. 1:23</sub>

## II. One "in Christ" has 3 things new.

- A. A New Imperial Impulse, v.14
  - 1. "the love of Xt constrains (controls) us.
  - 2. this love became the dominant passion of His being.
- B. A New Social Standard, v.16
  - 1. "Henceforth, from now on"
  - 2. His conduct toward men regulated by new standards.
- C. A New Spiritual History; "a new creation"
  - 1. the production of something new
  - 2. of something new by divine agency.
  - 3. Something new according to a divine plan. "we are His workmanship"
  - 4. Something new which develops the divine glory. (Eph. 2:7)

- III. What kind of work this new creation is
- A. A work of divine power, Eph. 1:20
  - B. A work of free grace, "by the grace of God I am what I am" I cor. 15:10
  - C. A work of rare excellency,  
made in the image of God, Rom. 8:29
  - D. A work of striking change
    1. Old things are passed away.
    2. All things are become new

#### IV. Description of the New Man.

- A. His judgments are new
- B. " purposes " "
- C. " desires " " (whom have I in Heaven, but <sup>thee</sup>)
- D. " Conversation is new (He spoke of things above;
- E. " Actions are " (He walks in Christ)
- F. " apprehensions are new.
  - a. He once saw no beauty in Xt;  
But He now is altogether lovely.
  - b. He once saw no great evil in sin;  
Now it appears an evil & bitter thing.
  - c. He once saw no great beauty in holiness;  
Now it appears the most treasured grace.
  - d. A convent said, "either the world has changed, or else I have."