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BELIEVERS ARE NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST

* Our species as new creations has only existed since the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

* In accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, our old spiritual nature has passed away. In the mind of God, He has no record of our past life as sinners. **We are new creatures in Christ!** We have His nature, His ability and we possess His authority, I John 4:15-16.

* When we realize who we are in Him, we will be soaring high everyday over the obstacles of life because nothing can keep us down. Religion says that we have certain crosses to bear in life, referring to Matthew 16:24, "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus was saying, stop trusting in your own self in trying to get right with God, turn your life over to me, **pick up your redemption and follow me.**

* II Peter 1:3, "According as his divine power **hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:". How do we know that? Galatians 3:13-14, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." **We have spiritual life, healing, and prosperity.**

* Since we are in Christ, we can live our lives just like Him, I Corinthians 11:1, "**PATTERN YOURSELVES after me (follow my example), as I imitate and follow Christ (the Messiah).**" AMP

* At the new birth, our spirits became brand new but our souls and bodies didn't change, therefore, to live like Christ, **we must learn how to think like Christ**, Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

* In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus said why worry about what you are going to eat, drink or wear, God will provide for you. (Aren't you better than the birds?) Oh yes, in fact, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, II Corinthians 5:20.

* As believers, God wants us to ascend to a higher level of living than the world because our trust is in Him, Isaiah 40:28-31.

* Just as the eagle is the ultimate bird, it's features are the most aerodynamic of all birds, **believers are the ultimate human beings, the righteousness of God in Christ**, II Corinthians 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.