

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."(Jude 3)*

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
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### **DEACONS**

Bob Austin  
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### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **LADIES CLASS**

Tuesdays at 10:00am



## **A Message To Our Visitors**

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.



## **THOSE TO SERVE**

### **Announcements:**

Richard Price

### **Lead Singing:**

Mitchell Smith

### **Opening Prayer:**

David Dodd

### **Scripture Reading:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Lord's Table**

Bob Austin  
Johnny Downs  
David Dodd  
Josh Fulcher

### **Closing Prayer:**

Andy Johnson

### **Greeters (East)**

Andy & Maddie

### **Greeters (West)**

Ima & Milodean

### **LESSONS**

AM: Things New in  
The Bible  
By: Luke Puckett  
Scripture reading:  
Rom 6:3-12

PM: Song service

# How to Become a New Creature

*by: Luke Puckett*

When we think of anything that is new, we know that there must be something that is old. In the case of becoming a new creature, there must be an old one. Spiritually, when one is a new creature, what happens? What is the old one? What is the new one? How do I become a new one?

God's Word says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." We find out here that IN CHRIST one can become a new creature, and when he does, the old things will pass away. In Ephesians 1:3, we see that "ALL spiritual blessings are in Christ." If we want to be a new creature, spiritually speaking, then we have to be in Christ.

First, as we look at this topic let us see what is meant by the "new" and "old". The old creature is the person we are before we are in Christ. It is the person who knew not Christ, who walked in darkness and not in light. It is someone who has not accepted the wonderful grace of God and had their sins washed in the precious blood of Christ. Obviously, the new would be just the opposite of this, a person who is now in Christ, one who put away the old man of darkness and stepped into the light, Christ. When one is a new creature, they are no longer the old person of sin who rejected Christ, but now they are in Christ, a child of God.

How then does one become a new creature? How do we pass away, or put to death, the old so the new can come forth? As we saw in 2 Corinthians 5:17 and also in Galatians 6:15, one is a new creature when they are in Christ. How then does one get in Christ? How does one become a new creature? To understand this, we must also understand the new birth that Christ spoke of to Nicodemus in John 3. Christ says that if we want to see the kingdom of God, then we must be born again. What is being born again? It is the same as being a new creature! Christ tells us in John 3:5 that this new birth is being born of water and the Spirit.

How then are we born of water? How do we get into Christ? How do we become a new creature? How do we put to death the old man of sin and be born a new man of God? BAPTISM! Not baptism alone, but this is the final act in which all of these things happen. God's grace, the gift of His Son, has been given to all men (Titus 2:11). It is upon us to hear God's Word (Rom 10:17), believe it (John 8:24) and obey it (Heb 5:8-9). To obey it we see that we must repent (Acts 17:30), confess with our mouths the deity of Christ (Rom 10:9-10), and be baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38).

Why baptism? It washes away our sins (Acts 22:16), it saves us (1Peter 3:21, Mark 16:16), it gives us remission of our sins (Acts 2:38), and it is what puts us into Christ (Gal 3:26-27). Remember that only when we are in Christ do we have the new birth and become a new creature. If we read Romans 6:1-13, even more specifically Romans 6:3-6, we can see the whole process of baptism, it putting to death our old man and the new creature being born. Here we see in VS 3 that we are baptized into the death of Christ, where Christ shed His blood so we can be saved. Notice VS 4 that we are buried with Him through BAPTISM unto death! We are buried unto death, but death of what? Death of the old man! Remember in order for the new man to be, the old must first be put to death. The old man of sin must be destroyed so the new man of righteousness can come out serving God. If we continue in verses 4 and 5 we see that our resurrection is so we can walk in a new life, that is, the new creature! See, in baptism our old man of sin is buried, put to death, in the water. Once we are immersed and covered in that water, we contact the blood of Christ and our sins are washed. The old man of sin dies! We come up out of the water a new creature, one without sin, to start the walk of a new life as a child of God.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ David Dodd (4th)

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## Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** (Numbers)
  - ⇒ **Bible bowl** plans made with Green Plain congregation for May 3rd . Ages are Kindergarten through 12th grade. If interested please see Luke Puckett or Wesley Tucker. Topic will be miracles and parables of Christ.
  - ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singing classes and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
  - ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
  - ⇒ **Remember:** 5th Sunday singing and potluck today
  - ⇒ **Remember:** We will visit Kirksey at 6pm tonight
  - ⇒ **Workday:** 4-12-14 at 8:00am here at the building
  - ⇒ **Baby shower** for Jared and Krista Vincent 4-6-14
  - ⇒ **Ladies day:** 4-26-14 with Brooke McNutt starting at 9am
  - ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Canned fruit
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## Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ruby Arnett (Heritage Manor nursing home in Mayfield Room 307)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ J.D. Lamb (Fern Terrace)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ Delbert Newsome
- ⇒ Marilyn Dvorak (friend of Bob and Susanna, has esophagus cancer)
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Jim Pool (member at Green Plain)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Garret Austin (Bob and Susanna's grandson has fatty tumor on hip)
- ⇒ Richard and Betty Adams
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

## **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear the Word  
*(Rom 10:17)*

Believe the Word  
*(John 8:24)*

Repent  
*(Luke 13:3)*

Confess Christ  
*(Rom 10:10)*  
*(Acts 8:37)*

Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

Remain Faithful  
*(Rev 2:10)*  
*(Acts 8:12-24)*

Heaven can be your  
home if you obey God!  
*(Heb 5:8-9)*

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bulletins, sermon outlines,  
and other helpful links  
and material.



# THINGS NEW IN THE BIBLE

What group of people did nothing but tell or hear something new? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a new gospel other than the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. The Bible Speaks of a New Covenant

a. Who was God's old covenant with? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Did God promise a new covenant? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Is the New Covenant better than the old? \_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

d. With who and when did the new covenant begin? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. The Bible Speaks of a New Home and Rest

a. What old home was promised and given to the Jews? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Is there a new home and rest for God's people today? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What is this new home and rest? \_\_\_\_\_

d. Must we seek this new home? If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. The Bible Speaks of a New Creature and Birth

a. Where does the Bible speak of these two things? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What did Jesus mean by the new birth in John 3? \_\_\_\_\_

c. If a new creature is found in Christ, how does one get in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

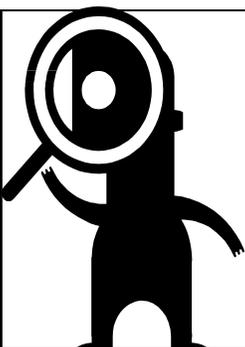
d. Where does one have a new birth, too? \_\_\_\_\_

e. How does one have a new birth? What is put to death? \_\_\_\_\_

f. What is raised up new? \_\_\_\_\_

g. What does baptism do? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



Bible question: Who hid 100 prophets in a cave when Jezebel was trying to kill them?

Last week's answer: Laish (Judges 18:26-27)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Clemmie Black, Bob & Susanna Austin, Rachel Adams