

INSURING MY PAST IS NOT MY FUTURE

2 Corinthians 5:17

Introduction. _____

In this verse the Apostle Paul shares with us the key to be sure the PAST is not our FUTURE:

I. FIRST, OUR SALVATION IS FOUND IN THE _____ OF THE LORD JESUS (2 Corinthians 5:17a) “Therefore, if any man be in Christ . . .”

Look with me at 3 things about this statement:

A. First, this statement introduces a _____ (. . . *if* . . .).

B. Secondly, it involves _____ (“ . . . *any man* . . .”

C. Thirdly, it includes a _____ (“ . . . *be in Christ* . . .”

II. SECONDLY OUR SALVATION IS FASHIONED BY THE _____ OF CHANGE (2 Corinthians 5:17b) “ . . . *he is a new creature* . . .”

A. First, we become a part of a new _____ (Ephesians 3:14-15).

B. Secondly, we become a partaker to a new _____. (1 John 1:3, 7).

C. Thirdly, we take claim to the promise of a new _____ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

III. THIRDLY, OUR SALVATION IS FORGED IN THE _____ OF CHANGE (2 Corinthians 5:17c) “. . . *old things are passed away; behold all things are becoming new.*”

This commences at the moment of the new birth, continues through life and concludes when we get to heaven, and it is called **sanctification**:

A. First, there is the _____—I have been sanctified (1 Corinthians 1:2).

B. Secondly, there is the _____—I am being sanctified (2 Corinthians 3:18).

C. Thirdly, there is the _____—I will be sanctified (Romans 8:30).

What is this “new creature” like?