

THE POTTER

Scripture:

Jeremiah 18:3-4
2 Corinthians 5:17

Introduction

The magnificence of God's grace defies description. So great is his love toward us that even after we were made in his image, then marred through Satanic design, God through his Son made us anew.

We are created again in Jesus. **If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.** (creation)
2 Corinth. 5:17

I. Made

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

John 1:3

A. We are the workmanship of God

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

B. New Creatures in Jesus

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

And have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after him that created him.

Colossians 3:9-10

C. Unlike the world

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed (metamorphose) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

WE ARE NOT TRULY A HUMAN BEING UNTIL
THE PROCESS OF METAMORPHOSIS IS COMPLETE

II. Marred

For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1 Corinth 3:3

SIN causes
DEGENERATION
ATROPHY

A. Failure to fit God's pattern of development

1. The pattern is not other Christians
2. Christ is the pattern--the standard

B. The absence of spiritual desire

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

But covet earnestly the best gifts.

1 Corinth. 12:1, 31

C. Lack of consecration

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Romans 6:16

1. Implies self-will

2. Implies that we know more than God

III. ~~Mended~~

MADE ANEW

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:27

A. Made to conform to the image of Jesus

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren.

Romans 12:1, 8:29

III. Mended

- B. By the crushing and breaking process of the Gethsemane
 - 1. Marred vessel reduced to powder
 - 2. Powder becomes clay
 - 3. Clay formed into a new vessell
- C. The unmendable becomes scrap

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