





<sup>5</sup> And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!"

**REVELATION 21:5A NLT** 



When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 TLB

The theological words for brand spanking new are the words <u>regeneration</u> and <u>sanctification</u>.



#### REGENERATION

is the work of God in your heart at the moment of salvation. God gives us a new life, a new heart and we are a new creation.



- <sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."
- 4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?"

**JOHN 3:3-7 NLT** 



<sup>5</sup> Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. 7 So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again."

#### **JOHN 3:3-7 NLT**



<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 PETER 1:3 NIV

#### SANCTIFICATION

is the **progressive** work of God and us that makes us more and more free from sin and like **Christ** in our actual lives.



18 So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 NLT



<sup>29</sup> For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

**ROMANS 8:29 NLT** 



<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

**1JOHN 3:2 NLT** 

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The world tries to change from the **outside**-**in** and it doesn't work. God changes us from the **inside**-**out**.



<sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

#### **EZEKIEL 36:26-27 NLT**

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The change will become evident over time in patterns of behavior and desires that are pleasing to God.



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- A desire to <u>tell</u> others about Christ.