
Dangers to watch out for

Danger #1: The Christian life will be easy

John 16:33 *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. **In this world you will have trouble.** But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Trouble in this life is normative.

2 Corinthians 5:7 ... **we live by faith, not by sight.**⁸ We ... would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

Danger #2: Being driven by feelings & pleasant circumstances

2 Corinthians 5:7 *for we walk by faith, not by sight.*

Danger #3: My struggle with sin is due to a lack of knowledge

Romans 7:24 *What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?*²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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The New Heart

The Narrow Road – Part 2

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Aspects of our “new creation”

2 Corinthians 5:17 *It anyone is in Christ he is **a new creation.** The old is gone, the new has come.*

“Honeymoon Christianity”

Aspect #1: a new **heart**

Ezekiel 36:26 *“Moreover, I will give you **a new heart** and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove from you **your heart of stone...** **and give you a heart of flesh.**”*

Aspect #2: a new **spirit.**

1 Cor. 3:16 *Do you not know that you are God’s temple, and that God’s Spirit lives in you?*

Ezekiel 36:26 *“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put **a new spirit within you;** ...”*

Aspect #3: a new **purity.**

Isaiah 1:18 *Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. **“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like lamb’s wool.**”*

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins He is faithful to forgive us our sins and **cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

Jeremiah 33:8 I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me. ⁹ Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth...

Aspect #4: a new power.

- *Ezekiel 36:27 “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.*

Isaiah 42:6 I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Aspect #5: a new identity (God’s child; God’s family; wanted),

- *Galatians 4:4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ^{e 6} Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.*

Aspect #6: a new disposition; new inclinations.

Colossians 1:9 We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ^{t 10} so that you may live

a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...

Aspect #7: New purposes.

- *Phil 3:10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.*

2 Corinthians 5:15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Aspect #8: A new life in you and through you

John 1:4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all man.

John 10:10 ...I came that they may have life, life abundantly.

So What?

1. Sense of wonder.

Prov. 4:23 Guard your heart with all vigilance, for out of it flows the springs of life.

2. I’m free, not chained.

- *John 8:31 If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.... ³⁴ ...everyone who sins is a slave to sin.*

3. Armed to meet the realities of this world.

Psalms 18:32 It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.
