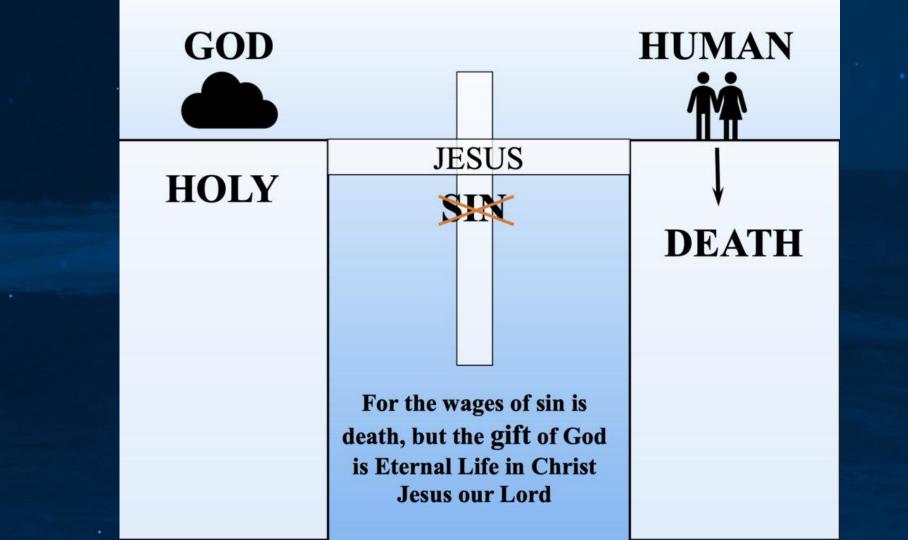


If you are a follower of Jesus, your <u>identity</u> is in <u>Jesus</u>

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

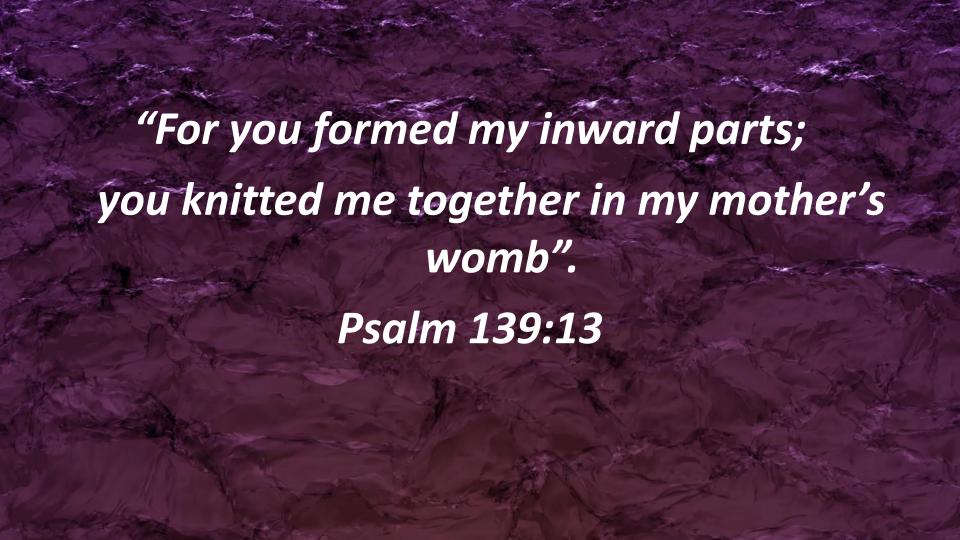
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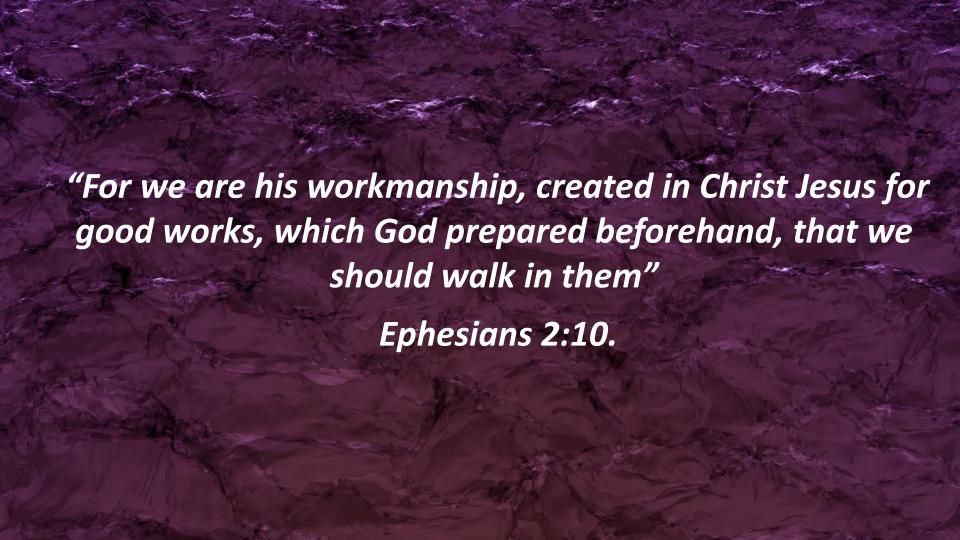
Being a "New Creation" in Jesus means you become <u>Part of His family</u>



"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:9-13 ESV

Everyone is Welcome in GOD'S FAMILY





v.12 "remember that you were at that time separated from Christ",

having <u>no hope</u> and without God in the world. ¹³ But now <u>in Christ Jesus</u> you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For <u>he himself is our peace</u>

you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

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Acts 2:47

Godly Community is <u>ATTRACTIVE</u>

The Family of God does Life Together

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete."

1 John 1:3

"All the believers were together and had everything in common."

45, they gave to anyone as he had need."

Acts 2: 44-45

The Family of God Cares for One Another

The Family of God makes Room

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

.... If one falls down, his friend can help him up.

"Two are better than one,

But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!.....

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12