

AA18. Replacing Our Old Nature with a New Nature.

We are to replace our old nature with a new nature given us by the Holy Spirit.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Romans 12:2

In other words, do not let yourselves be conformed to the standards of the 'olam hazeh. Instead, keep letting yourselves be transformed by the renewing of your minds; so that you will know what God wants and will agree that what he wants is good, satisfying and able to succeed.

Romans 8:12-13

So then, brothers, we don't owe a thing to our old nature that would require us to live according to our old nature. For if you live according to your old nature, you will certainly die; but if, by the Spirit, you keep putting to death the practices of the body, you will live.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is united with the Messiah, he is a new creation- the old has passed; look, what has come is fresh and new!

Ephesians 4:22-24

.. then, so far as your former way of life is concerned, you must strip off your old nature, because your old nature is thoroughly rotted by its deceptive desires; and you must let your spirits and minds keep being renewed, and clothe yourselves with the new nature created to be godly, which expresses itself in the righteousness and holiness that flow from the truth.

Colossians 3:9-10

Never lie to one another; because you have stripped away the old self, with its ways, and have put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in fuller and fuller knowledge, closer and closer to the image of its Creator.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

John 3:3-8

Romans 6:9-11

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 5:24-25, 6:8

1 Peter 1:3, 2:11-12

2 Peter 2:9-10, 18

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit inside you and cause you to live by my laws, respect my rulings and obey them.

Comment

When we willfully receive Yeshua as our Lord and Messiah, we are said to be “born again” because we become new creations in our spirit. Our old nature (our old spirit) is replaced by a new nature (a new spirit), and this is done through the Holy Spirit. There are three spirits involved and they should not be confused. The first two (the old and new spirits) are our human spirits and the Holy Spirit is, of course, God’s Spirit. There is another kind of spiritual transaction with which this should not be confused, and that is the “immersion (baptism) of the Holy Spirit. That is when the Holy Spirit indwells us alongside our human spirit. It is often experienced as a second spiritual event that enhances (does not initially give us) our new spiritual nature.

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