



## BREAKING THE ICE

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What are some plans you are working on for this summer? (a vacation, a project around the house etc.)

If you could replace anything you own with something brand new, what would you purchase and why?

Who were you able to share your “made new” story with this last week?

## MAIN CONTENT

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This week Pastor Kevin continued our conversation on being “Made New”. We all want new things; clothes, cars, homes, jobs etc. But the new thing only brings happiness for awhile, then we are left with the same feelings we had before we had the new thing.

1. What was the last new thing that brought you joy? How long did that joy last?

We tend to look for physical solutions to our spiritual problems, that’s why we want new things. We want to change the outside for something that is happening on the inside of us. Last week Annie talked about how Jesus gives us a new story, this week Pastor Kevin talked about how Jesus gives us a new identity.

### **Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-17**

When we chose to follow Jesus, we have a new identity IN HIM. We are no longer who we used to be. **We are a new creation and a new identity.**

2. How do you see yourself identified “In Christ”?

We can look to others for identity but once we choose to follow Jesus, our identity is in Him. Our identity will never change in Him. He is never changing, our jobs, location, friends may change - He never will.

**When we are a new creation, we also have a new family.**

### **Read Galatians 3:26**

When we chose to follow Jesus we have a new family who also follows Him. Within this family race,

economic status and societal status does not matter. We are surrounded by those who follow Jesus. We are all equals at the foot of the cross serving the same God who loves us all unconditionally.

3. In the family of Christ (fellow Jesus followers) who helps you or has helped you see the importance of having a new family in Him? How has their influence help change your point of view as a follower of Jesus?

**When we are a new creation the old is gone and the new has come.** Pastor Kevin shared about a quote from Watchman Nee, When you are IN CHRIST, your SPIRIT is fully redeemed, your BODY is unredeemed, and your SOUL is being redeemed.

Our Spirit is made new when we put our faith and trust in Christ. Our physical body continues to waste away. Our souls are learning to live into who we are, constantly adjusting to live a life like Christ but knowing we aren't perfect.

4. How do you continually see Christ's redemption play out in your life?

**When we are a new creation we have a new motivation.** The love of Christ compels us. It compels us to show others his love; to give to those in need, to serve like He did, to honor, to be a light into a world who needs hope and a promise for an eternal future.

5. How has your motivation changed as a follower of Jesus?

6. Where can you practice a new motivation to share Jesus with others?

At the end of the message, Pastor Kevin shared a beautiful story of a man named Robbie who accepted Jesus this past week. He is a new creation with a new identity, new family and new motivation.

7. What is your new creation story?

## CLOSING PRAYER

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Thank you Jesus for the new creation we have become in You. We don't have to focus on the old things because we have a new identity, family and motivation to follow You. Will you help us feel and know this new identity in our lives. Will you change our hearts and minds to know who you created us to be especially where we have struggled with these things in our past. Let us see the friends and family around us that can support us as we follow you, In your name. Amen.

## ACTION STEP

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- + Take some time this week to meditate on your new identity, new family, new motivation and how the old is gone and the new has come in your life. What has changed in your life to feel this way?
- + How does your life look different now than it did before Christ?

+ Who do you need to connect with in the new family of Christ followers? How can you make a plan to connect with them?

+ How has your motivation changed to be more like Christ? What are some ways you can live that motivation out so others can see Jesus through you? Practice those things this week.