

Review (54): *It's a Wonderful Life*: Characteristics of the New Spiritual Species; Retroactive & Current Positional Truth

10. Because of the fact you are a new species you have new characteristics, new qualities, new assets: you are trichotomous with a newly created human spirit, you have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the availability of the filling of the Holy Spirit, the imputation of divine righteousness, membership in the Royal Family of God, possession of eternal life, sanctification for service to God, citizenship in the heavenly community, ordination into the royal priesthood of the believer, election to privilege, an eternal destiny, inheritor of the eternal escrow, and adoption into the body of Christ.
11. All of these and much, much more, are new things associated with the new spiritual species and is in direct contrast to those things that previously characterized our fallen condition. This contrast is mentioned by the last phrase of 2 Corinthians 5:17, "the old things have passed away, behold, they have become new."
12. "Old things" is one word in the Greek, the plural neuter subject from ἀρχαῖος / *archaios* / and is defined by Arndt and Gingrich [*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, s.v. ἀρχαῖος]: what has existed from the beginning, or, from ancient times.
13. This takes us back to the very beginning of our fallen condition in the Garden of Eden. What has passed away is something that came into being in the most ancient of times, the fall of Adam.
14. Therefore, the "old things" refer to (1) the original sin, (2) the sinful nature, and (3) spiritual death. At the moment of salvation the characteristics, qualities, and assets of our fallen condition "pass away," the aorist active indicative of the verb:

παρέρχομαι / *parerchomai* / - "to pass away, to perish, to come to an end."

aorist: Culminative; views the event in its entirety but regards it from the viewpoint of its existing results. We were born spiritually dead and remained so until the point of our salvation at which point it "came to an end."

active: The old things related to spiritual death produce the action of the verb at salvation. They "passed away, perished, and came to an end."

indicative: A statement of biblical fact. Our sinful nature is dead according to:

Romans 6:2 - We who have died to the sinful nature, how shall we still live in it?

v 3 - Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been immersed into Christ Jesus have been immersed into His spiritual death?

v 4 - Therefore, we have been buried together with Him through the baptism of the Holy Spirit into His death in order that as Christ has historically been resurrected from death, through the glory of God the Father, so also might we have the option to walk in newness of life.

v 5 - If we have become intimately united with Him in the likeness of His death, and we in fact have, not only this but also we shall in fact be intimately united to the likeness of His resurrection.

v 6 - Be knowing this, that our old husband [the sinful nature] has been crucified together with Him in order that the human body with reference to its sinful nature might be rendered powerless for the purpose that we should no longer be slaves to sin [our first husband].