

# Lutheran Women in Mission

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## Extreme Makeover!

[\*Please use material provided as time constraints allow.]

### NEW!

Because of our human nature, why *must* we all be made new?  
**our sinful human nature can only merit us eternal death**

Romans 3:23

<sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ...  
**we all sin; our sin separates us from God**

1 John 1:8

<sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**we cannot claim to be without sin**

Romans 6:23a

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death ...  
**our sin earns us death**

God promises in His Word to make us a new creation ...to give us an extreme makeover, so to speak. When did (does) this happen?

1 Corinthians 15:3 (Romans 6:8)

<sup>3</sup>For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures ...

<sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.  
**Christ died for our sins, so that we might have life in Him**

Ephesians 5:2

<sup>2</sup>and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.  
**Christ gave Himself as a fragrant offering and sacrifice for us**

Romans 6:6 -11, 23b

<sup>6</sup>For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - <sup>7</sup>because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>23</sup> ...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**because of Christ's redeeming work, we are dead to sin, but alive to God - we receive eternal life**

## 2 Corinthians 5:16 -21

<sup>16</sup>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.  
**in Christ, we are a new creation!**

## Romans 6:4

<sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.  
**We are made alive in our baptism - given a new life**

## Luke 22:19 -20

<sup>19</sup>And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.  
**we are renewed and assured of our forgiveness when we participate in The Lords Supper**

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## **NEW APPEARANCE!**

**The impact column encourages the application and discussion of the specific ways a Christian looks to the world. Possible impact suggestions are given below. Answers may vary.**

### **Changes - Impact**

#### Psalm 51:2

<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.  
**Change - we are cleansed from sin**  
**Impact - sense of thankfulness permeates life**

#### 1 Samuel 16:7

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."  
**Change - new heart**  
**Impact - the heart becomes a servant heart and all that implies**

#### Ezekiel 16:8 -14

<sup>8</sup> " Later I passed by, and when I looked at you and saw that you were old enough for love, I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness. I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Sovereign LORD, and you became mine.  
<sup>9</sup> " I bathed you with water and washed the blood from you and put ointments on you. <sup>10</sup> I clothed you with an embroidered dress and put leather sandals on you. I dressed you in fine linen and covered you with costly garments. <sup>11</sup> I adorned you with jewelry: I put bracelets on your arms and a necklace around your neck, <sup>12</sup> and I put a ring on your nose, earrings on your ears

and a beautiful crown on your head. <sup>13</sup> So you were adorned with gold and silver; your clothes were of fine linen and costly fabric and embroidered cloth. Your food was fine flour, honey and olive oil. You became very beautiful and rose to be a queen. <sup>14</sup> And your fame spread among the nations on account of your beauty, because the splendor I had given you made your beauty perfect, declares the Sovereign LORD.

**Change - clothed with the garments of the Lords righteousness**

**Impact - live confidently, knowing that Gods mercy is daily present; remember baptism daily**

Ecclesiastes 8:1

<sup>1</sup> Who is like the wise man? Who knows the explanation of things? Wisdom brightens a man's face and changes its hard appearance.

**Change - God gives wisdom**

**Impact - discernment and decisions that glorify God**

Titus 3:5

<sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit ...

**Change - rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit**

**Impact - JOYful attitude (Jesus, Others, You)**

Ephesians 5:25 -27

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

**Change - made holy and blameless, without stain or wrinkle**

**Impact - worship regularly; praise God and give Him all glory**

Hebrews 9:14

<sup>14</sup> How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

**Change - cleanse consciences from acts that lead to death**

**Impact - forgive others as have been forgiven**

Proverbs 31:30

<sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

**Change - fear (awe) of the Lord**

**Impact - strive to do the Lords will (not to merit salvation, but as a response to Gods mercy)**

1 Peter 3:3 -4

<sup>3</sup> Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. <sup>4</sup> Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

**Change - beautiful inner self**

**Impact - a gentle and quiet spirit; peace of God**

Revelation 22:14

<sup>14</sup> "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

**Change - given eternal life**

**Impact - live a life of hope**

## **NEW APPAREL**

Read Genesis 3:21. See Isaiah 61:10, Romans 13:14 and Galatians 3:27.

<sup>21</sup> The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

<sup>10</sup> I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

<sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

God clothed Adam and Eve and most likely had to kill animals to make the garments - blood was shed, just as Jesus shed His blood to clothe all believers with salvation.

Colossians 3:12

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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gentle/quiet spirit

1 Peter 5:5

<sup>5</sup> Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

humility

1 Corinthians 15:53

<sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

imperishable, immortal

Revelation 3:18

<sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

white clothes - righteousness

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## **NEW ATTITUDE!**

### **Attitudes - Actions**

Deuteronomy 31:23; Psalm 27:1

<sup>23</sup> The LORD gave this command to Joshua son of Nun: "Be strong and courageous, for you will bring the Israelites into the land I promised them on oath, and I myself will be with you."

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of

my life - of whom shall I be afraid?

Attitude - God is my strength!

Actions - courage to live as Gods child every day

Galatians 5:22 -25

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Attitude - the fruit of the Spirit; the Christian is given all of these

Actions - keep in step with the Spirit; take advantage of the fruit of the Spirit

Ephesians 4:22 -24; 29 -32

<sup>22</sup>You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup>to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>29</sup>Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Attitude - new mind

Actions - kindness, compassion, forgiving

Philippians 2:1 -11 (12 -18)

<sup>1</sup>If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. <sup>14</sup>Do everything without complaining or arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe <sup>16</sup>as you hold out the word of life - in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. <sup>17</sup>But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. <sup>18</sup>So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.)

Attitude - same attitude as Christ Jesus

Actions - look to interests of others; shine like stars; rejoice

## Colossians 4:5 -6

<sup>5</sup>Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup>Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Attitude - be wise

Actions - speak with grace

## 1 Peter 4:1; 5:5 -7

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.

<sup>5</sup>Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Attitude - humility

Actions - give worries to God

Read Colossians 3:16.

<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.  
through our worship of Him; as we give Him the glory - answers may vary

\* **For further discussion:** Read Proverbs 31:10 -31 and share insights about the wife of noble character. What are her Godly attitudes? What actions result from those attitudes? What one particular characteristic of hers would you like to strive to achieve with the help of the Holy Spirit?

<sup>10</sup>A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. <sup>11</sup> Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. <sup>12</sup> She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. <sup>13</sup> She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. <sup>14</sup> She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. <sup>15</sup> She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls. <sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. <sup>17</sup> She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. <sup>18</sup> She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. <sup>19</sup> In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. <sup>20</sup> She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. <sup>21</sup> When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. <sup>22</sup> She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. <sup>23</sup> Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. <sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. <sup>25</sup> She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. <sup>26</sup> She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. <sup>27</sup> She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup> Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: <sup>29</sup> "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."  
<sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD, is to be praised. <sup>31</sup> Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

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Read Isaiah 65:17, 2 Peter 3:13 and Revelation 21:5.

<sup>17</sup> "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

<sup>13</sup>But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

<sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

**we have new life in Christ - a new heaven and a new earth**

As fellow believers in Christ, we are the daily recipients of our extraordinary Gods life -changing extreme makeover! *Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in our Lord Jesus Christ!* (1 Corinthians 15:57)