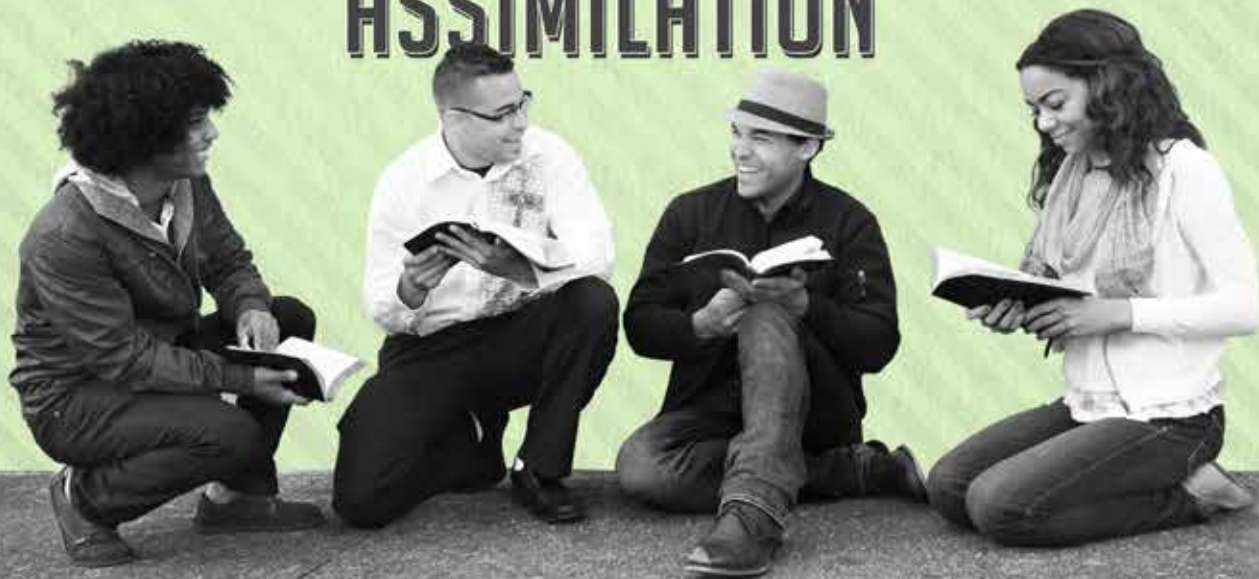




*Come Grow
with Us...*

NEW CREATION CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**SALVATION, MEMBERSHIP &
ASSIMILATION**



Come join with Us... **STEP 1: REDEMPTION**

Salvation is a GIFT from God to man through Jesus Christ. Because man can never make up for his sin by doing good works, ACCEPTING and TRUSTING in Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection as a substitute for sin is the only way man can be saved from sin's penalty.

Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by FAITH and because eternal life is through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in that salvation for eternity.

Just as good works cannot obtain salvation; neither can good works maintain it. The GRACE of God maintains salvation.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6; John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1; John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 10:10-14; 1 Peter 1:3



THE PROBLEM WITH SIN
*EVERYONE IS GUILTY OF SIN.
THE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH (ROMANS 3:23)
A. ADMIT IT (ADMIT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER)*



JESUS CHRIST IS THE ANSWER (JOHN 3:16)
*A. " FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE ."
B. ACCEPT IT [GOD TOOK ON HUMAN FORM AND DIED IN OUR PLACE, TAKING ON THE PUNISHMENT THAT WE DESERVE.] (ROMANS 5:8)*



TURN TO JESUS CHRIST AND BELIEVE IN HIM (JOHN 1:12)
*"TO ALL WHO RECEIVE HIM, TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIS NAME HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD ."
TRUST HIM
[BECOME A CHILD OF GOD BY TRUSTING AND RECEIVING JESUS CHRIST]*



IF YOU DECLARE WITH YOUR MOUTH JESUS IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED. (ROMANS 10:9)

ATTEND A GOOD BIBLE-BASED CHURCH , BE BAPTIZED AND LIVE NEW SPIRIT-FILLED LIVES

GROW IN HIM [ROMANS 6 : 4]
[... AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORIOUS POWER OF THE FATHER, NOW WE ALSO MAY LIVE NEW LIVES.]

The ABC'S of SALVATION

Accept the fact that God loves you-

...And has a wonderful plan for your life (John 3:16). Yet, admit you are a sinner. "There is no one righteous, not even one... for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. (See Romans 6:23.) Ask God's forgiveness. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Believe in Jesus-

...And put your trust in HIM) as your only hope of salvation. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (See John 4:16) **Become a child of God by receiving Christ into your life. This is an act of faith.** "To all who receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" John 1:12 (See Revelation 3:20.)

Confess that Jesus is your Lord -

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved." (See Romans 10:9-10). Now, commit your ways to Him. He will change whatever needs to be changed and **TRANSFORM** your life.

**Welcome to the Family of God! You are now saved, Salvation is Yours!
These are the 4 Cups: Salvation, Freedom, Restoration, and Fulfillment**



1st Cup: SALVATION

God - I will BRING you out to rescue you.
(Titus 3:3-8)



2nd Cup: FREEDOM

God - I will FREE you to deliver you from what's holding you back.
(Romans 8:1-2)



3rd Cup: RESTORATION

God - I will RESTORE you to live out my plan for your life.
(Ephesians 1:11-12)



4th Cup: FULFILLMENT

God - I will TAKE you as my own people for you to be a part of my family. (John 10:10)*

Our Story...

Known today as a ministry with a strong emphasis on the Word, Worship, and Missions, New Creation began as a prayer group at the home of Alfred and Pearlene Conyers in November of 1984. The Power of God began to move mightily and confirmed the faith of those praying for a spiritual renewal in the city of San Antonio.

Under the progressive leadership of David and Claudette Copeland, who were serving as the first African-American Chaplain couple in the U.S. Air Force, the church was officially incorporated in the state of Texas on March 5, 1985.

Under the progressive leadership of the Pastors, the congregation consistently grew at the first location. In January of 2000, New Creation Christian Fellowship acquired a 2,500 seat Cathedral located at 8700 Fourwinds Drive in Windcrest, TX, where we worship today.

Vision: Transforming Life Through Jesus Christ

Mission: We will engage all people to become New Creations **In** Christ, through **In**spired Word and worship, **In**viting Evangelism, **In**novative discipleship, **In**vested lifestyles in Salvation, Holiness, Stewardship and Service... and God will grant the **INCREASE**.

What We Believe...

There is one God, the Creator of all things who is infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life and died on the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of all men. He bodily arose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and is now at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

Man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost. Only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained. The shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only grounds for justification and salvation.

Water Baptism, the **Lord's Supper**, and **Foot Washing** are ordinances to be observed by the church during the present age. However, they are not to be regarded as a means of salvation. (Matthew 28:19, Luke 22:19-20, John 13:12-15).

SALVATION IS YOURS!

Here are some definitions and bible scripture to assist you in your new walk with Christ.

Saved- One who is forgiven of all past sin. Is now born into God's Family, and has become a child of God. Now a candidate for eternal life in heaven after this life is over. Romans 10:9, John 3:3, John 5:24.

The Unsaved- One who does not know God is a sinner, spiritually dead, separated from God, and destined for hell. Romans 6:23, John 3:36, John 3:18.

The Backslider- One who at one time knew God, and confessed Jesus as Lord and Savior. However, they have drifted from God, and now are in sin, disobedience, and separated from the presence of God. Unless repentance is made, they will be condemned. In life offered by Christ, we are saved by grace and accept life by the spirit. Those that choose to live by the spirit will not "gratify the desires of sinful nature." Those that choose to indulge in sinful nature "will not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5: 19-21)

The ABC Formula- Salvation is a wonderful gift from God, and in either of the above cases, comes through a simple formula: A+B+C= Salvation.

Read these scriptures regarding God's plan of Salvation. Romans 3:23, John 3:16-18, Romans 5: 8-9, Romans 10: 8-10, John 5:24

- A-** Accept the fact that God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. Yet, you are a sinner that needs a savior.
- B-** Believe in your heart that Jesus is your Savior, and that He died for you, and all your sins, and that God raised Him from the dead.
- C-** Confess with your mouth that Jesus is now Lord and reigns as head of your life. Commit to live a moral life that is holy unto God, and to turn from sin.

The Rededicated Life - If at one time you received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, but you drifted from God and began focusing on your own agenda and not God's agenda for your life, you are a backslider.

As a backslider, you recommit your life to God by acknowledging your sin and repenting (turning away) from your sin. You allow God to be first in your life again, submitting to His will and letting Him take precedence in your life. As a result, your past is forgiven, and you have been reclaimed to the family of God.

Welcome back Home!

STEP 3: OUR COVENANT

Come Grow with Us...

1

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM A FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST AND THAT I TRUST IN HIM ALONE FOR MY SALVATION AND I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH THE NEED FOR BAPTISM.

2

I PROMISE ATTEND OUR WORSHIP SERVICES REGULARLY.

3

I PROMISE TO ATTEND AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN A SMALL/LIFE GROUP.

4

I PROMISE TO SERVE IN A MINISTRY.

5

I PROMISE TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF ONE BY FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP.

6

I COMMIT TO INVITING OTHERS TO SHARE IN OUR ONE COMMUNITY.

7

I PROMISE TO PURSUE OUR MISSION AND VISION.

"Never has there been, Neither is there now, nor will there ever be another you or another me, and in this lifetime we are called to TRANSFORM lives through Jesus Christ!"

Bishop David M. Copeland, Senior Pastor

REASONS PEOPLE GET SAVED

1

A Biblical Reason

Christ is committed to the church. "...Christ loved the church, and he gave his life for it." Ephesians 5:25

2

A Cultural Reason

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to **anything...a job...a marriage...our country. This attitude has** even produced a generation of "church shoppers and hoppers." Partnership swims against the current of America's "consumer religion." It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.

3

A Practical Reason

It defines who can be counted on. Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Partnership identifies our family.

4

A Personal Reason

It produces spiritual growth. The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you are not committed to any specific church family.

Scriptures of Salvation

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in^[a] Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 1:12

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

Titus 3:5

⁵ 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,

Galatians 3:26

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,

Romans 5:1

⁵ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

John 10:29

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all^[a]; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

2 Timothy 1:12

¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

Hebrews 7:25

²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely^[a] those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 10:10-14;

¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

1 Peter 1:3

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

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