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**The New Creation in Christ According to  
Saint Paul's Thought**

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## SUMMARY CONTENT OF THE THESIS

**Key words:** New creation, goal, Jesus Christ, deification, Old Adam, New Adam, humankind, uncreated light

This thesis sought to show the main goal of man's life on earth, the reason for his existence, a try to understand the deep thoughts of God, the purpose of creating the man.

God Create the man for a very important purpose which is "Love". In this thesis, we will show how God loves the man, how He dealt and continue to deal till nowadays with His beloved man, in purpose to reach the goal of creating the man in the first place.

A Holy purpose has been exposed in the thesis showing that God -Holy Trinity- created man to live with Him in everlasting joy and love. Even though the man blew away this plan in Eden, God's love for the man gave humanity the opportunity to succeed in second chance, namely in the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the bottom line, this thesis shows that God lead the man to resemble Jesus Christ and by reaching this high spiritual level or near it, and even by trying to understand and make an honest effort to reach this goal, the man could reach deification as a gift from God. This Holy Grace is given to man making him achieve his main goal since he has been created in the first place, namely from the first time the idea occurred in God's thoughts.

The New Creation in Christ according to Apostle Paul thoughts is to reach Deification, even though Apostle did not say this specific word but all his teaching lead to this result that we prove in the thesis.

Also, the thesis proves that this is the teaching of Jesus Christ and the Apostles, the

teaching of the Holy Fathers of the Church who continued to the present day.

Chapter introduction in the thesis describe the meaning of the term "κτισις" and how it has been used in the Holy Scripture, also discuss the difference between the creation of the First man-Old Adam and the renewing of the creation. God creates Adam from scratch, from nothing, from dust, and this was a new creation in the sense of new as the opposite of not existing, but after the Incarnation of Jesus Christ God create the new man in the sense of renew.

Apostle Paul says that each one is a new creation in Christ, so Jesus Christ does not create man from nothing, but He changes the exiting man to be a new man, to be a new creation. Thus Jesus Christ recreates or renews the man. Later on, the thesis presents the comparison of the new creation in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The third chapter shows a comparison between Old Adam and New Adam, discuss the qualities of Old Adam, the purpose of creating Old Adam, expectations from him, actions and mistakes that he did, and the consequences of this mistakes as we use to call it the first sin.

The thesis presents the creation before the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Present the deficit of the whole creation, the failure of the man to achieve the main goal of his life on earth.

Old Adam becomes disable to achieve the purpose of his life and be united with God. Namely to reach deification, since the image of God in Old Adam become distorted.

God declares in many ways and different words and actions that man needs to be renewed, needs actions to restore the First Adam.

The Incarnation of Jesus Christ, the New Adam and the benefits of this action.

The importancey of New Adam, and the influence on the whole creation.

New Adam replaces the Old Adam, the meaning of this replacing and the positive

consequences of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ as the new man reloads humanity to the Holy track, He is the Man as he should be in the first place, He represents humanity in front of God. Thus, each one of humans can choose to be represented by Jesus Christ-New Adam or to be represented by Old Adam or to be represented by himself.

In order to be represented by Jesus Christ, you need to behave accordingly to His teaching and obey His commandments.

To highlight that Christ include in Himself humankind and the whole creation whether it is animated or non-animated.

In chapter four the thesis presents the Attributes of Christ as the One who united in Himself the universe. From this point of view, the thesis presents the connection between humankind and the universe, the Level of correlation and its impact.

This chapter also describes in a glance how Christ Jesus dealt with humankind as a Psychologist in purpose to renew and rebuild what was destroyed in the man's soul because of the sin. The image of God was destroyed in the man which impact his soul a lot, his way of thinking, behaviour, ability to see facts, analyze certain events or thoughts. We also notice that Jesus Christ replace the wrong teaching or re-explain the meaning of certain verses which are also a result of a bad understanding of God's thoughts. All this occurred because of the sin that entered the man's soul and life in all aspects.

God dwelt among His people, shared them suffer from this life, manifested Himself to them as their King and as their saviour and the healer from all illness.

New Creation in Christ is in a unique and special relationship with Jesus Christ. God was manifested in the flesh and dwelt among us.

The new creation has a different meaning of many things in life; the thesis presents the meaning of suffering as an example of this change in humankind

psychology.

Apostles and Disciples of Christ with all the Christians understand this change and talked about it as we present in the thesis.

In chapter five the thesis presents the thoughts of Apostle Paul regard the New Creation demonstrated in several verses in different Epistles.

Three Epistles were presented in this thesis, Corinthians, Galatians, and Romans.

Also, I presented the relevance between Apostle Paul words and thoughts with other prophets from the Old Testament, especially with the Prophet Isaiah.

Apostle Paul has a Jewish background; which means that he has the knowledge of the Old Testament, the words of the prophets and the teaching.

The thesis shows how this knowledge affects Saint Paul, and how all this fits with Saint Paul's new experience and new knowledge which he received from our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Grace in baptism.

Beginning in chapter five and moving to chapter six and seven, the thesis presents a move toward the main goal of man's life, the connection of the ideas in the Old Testament regarding the New Creation with the Ideas and emotions that Apostle Paul Poured into his letters, presenting the other Apostles thoughts on the topic of New Creation in Christ and it's benefits, leads to one result that the thesis presents in chapter eight.

Chapter six presents the alienation from God and chapter seven presents the opposite which is the relation and unity with God. This is the situation that man passes during his life since first man-Old Adam was created.

The thesis also shows the situation of being alienated from God as a result of the sin, as a fact and reality that humanity lives after the falling of Old Adam and Eve.

This situation changed after the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, man can again through our Lord Jesus Christ Reconciliation with our Creator - we can become again in relation with God, a Holy path is opened and began a process of knowing God.

The relation between God and humanity re-built, so the man can know God with the help of the Holy Grace.

First Adam lived in Eden, enjoying a wonderful life and a beautiful adjoining relation with God.

Chapter eight is the main chapter in this thesis, presenting "Deification" as the main goal of the man in his life on earth, a goal that man supposed to reach since he was created in Gan-Eden, and now completed by New Adam-Jesus Christ. Thus, New Creation in Christ is deified by the Holy Grace through Christ.

New Creation in Christ is people who are able to be deified and so to reach the man's goal.

To reach the goal, a man goes through a tunnel and undergoes a transformation, a process of changing which in it, man takes off the old man and puts on the new man.

This chapter describes the spiritual transformation with all the details to prove that new creation in Christ is deified.

In this chapter, I described the process and stages that man passes through, in order to reach deification. Different situation, depending on each man's case, affects the man, changes him in a manner to make him a new man, a new creation in Christ.

This spiritual transformation changes the man to become a new creation in Christ, namely to become deified in Christ.

The Holy Grace works in the man, helping him - as much as the man willing - to be presence in the uncreated light and reach deification.



Chapter nine presents the Church mission through the Holy Sacraments by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ established the Church before He ascended to Heaven in His glorious body. The thesis shows that the Church mission is to obtain the main goal, which is to give salvation by the Holy Trinity through practicing the ecclesiastical sacraments.

The Church is the method and the system that Christ established to help man to receive deification.

This chapter presents important sacraments and the power of these sacraments in the process of making a man a new creation in Christ and to accompany him till he reaches deification.

Asceticism, is a model to reach the goal of man, namely to reach deification. There is no doubt that asceticism is only a model, a path among other ways and paths, because all humans are called by Jesus Christ to reach the goal, not only the human who choose the asceticism as a way of life.

In thesis, we demonstrate asceticism way as an example of a spiritual way which helps you to reach deification. Although, still can argue the point of view which declare that each person should live his life similar to asceticism way even if he lives among society.