

➤ *What explains me or describes me, does not define me, only God defines me.*

SEVEN TRANSFORMATIONS FROM GOD’S BLESSING.

Transformed – an inward, fundamental change in character, that is evident to others.

1. I am a new _____.

• 2 Corinthians 5:17

➤ *I am new. God made me a completely different person.*

2. I have a new _____.

• John 3:3

3. I have a new _____.

• Ezekiel 36:26, Matthew 15:18-19

Heart – the center of or personality. What controls our intellect, emotions and will. Who we truly are.

➤ *A heart of stone is not simply uninterested in what God says, or unwilling to do what God wants, it is unable to do anything but the opposite.*

➤ *What is there an abundance of in my heart? What is my heart overflowing with?*

4. I have a new _____.

• 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Timothy 4:7-8

The transformed and renewed mind is the mind saturated with and controlled by the Word of God. ~John MacArthur

5. I have new _____.

• Galatians 5:16-17, Romans 7:15-19 NIV

If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased. ~C. S. Lewis

6. I have a new _____.

• 1 John 4:7-8

➤ *I can only love someone other than myself because God made me new and gave me new desires and a new love.*

7. I have new _____.

The Holy Spirit – Ezekiel 36:27, John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 6:20, Romans 8:13, 16:11-12

*Only in eternity will it be **impossible** for us to sin, but for now it is always possible for us **not** to sin. ... We may choose to sin ... but we do not **have** to sin. ~Jerry Bridges*

➤ *I do not have to sin, with God’s help I can say no to it.*

A new family – Romans 12:5, Ephesians 2:19, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10