



## ***“Snapshots of a New Creation”- Part 1***

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***Introduction*** – *After those who believed in Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit, their lives were radically changed. Four things stand out in their lives as a new creation in Christ.*

### ***I. Facing Trouble Faithfully.***

- A. In Acts 1-3 the church was born, and as new believers kept being added, they all enjoyed worshiping and fellowshiping together in the Lord.
- B. But things took a dramatic turn in Acts 4 when Peter and John are arrested, and for the first time believers in the church face suffering.
- C. Jesus told us that we would face trouble and persecution.
- D. The apostle Peter tells us that our faith in Jesus will be tested.

E. Christians aren't exempt from suffering; they are able to exult in their suffering.

F. As the new believer's faith is being tested, their response is noteworthy – they decide to keep serving Jesus.

### ***II. Serving God Consistently.***

- A. The mark of a Christ-changed, Spirit-filled life is serving Jesus consistently in good times and bad.
  - 1. Note the example of Job.
  - 2. Note the example of Jesus.
- B. When we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit enters our life and we become a new creation!

***Conclusion.***