

We have become a new creation when Jesus comes into our heart.

#1. Matthew 23:25-28

²⁵ "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶ Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

²⁷ "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. ²⁸ In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

#2. Revelations 3:20

²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

How is the stuff we pull out of the pumpkin like sin in our heart?

(Both are yucky and they're inside us)

How is the way we clean out our pumpkin like the way Jesus cleans us out when we confess our sins?

(All the yucky stuff is taken away)

After you have completed the face of the pumpkin

#3. 2 Cor 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:¹⁸ The old has gone, the new is here!

#4. Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

How have we made this pumpkin a "New Creation"?

(It started out only a pumpkin, now it is a Jack-O-Lantern)

How do we become a new creation, when Jesus comes into our hearts?

(We learn to Love Him more... Our light shines and we become His Children)

#5. 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

When Jesus comes into our hearts, we become new creations.

#6. Matthew 5:14-16,

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Light a candle inside the pumpkin
Turn Off Lights

Discuss how God wants our light to shine before others?

#7. 2 Corinthians 4:6

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"^[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

In what way does the candle light come through the pumpkin like, the way God wants our light to shine?

What happens when we hide our light so that others are unable to see it?

Bring out a regular pumpkin....

If we live good Christian lives, in Glorifying God, His light will always shine through, no matter what!

Pumpkin Prayer

Cut off the top:

Lord, open our mind and fill me with Your wisdom and guidance.

Scoop out the Yunkies:

Lord, take out all the bad things inside my heart and fill me with Your love

Carve out the Eyes:

Lord, open my eyes to see all of the beautiful things You have made.

Carve out the nose:

Lord, help me to be a sweet fragrance for You

Carve out the mouth:

Lord, help me to always speak Your words of love and Kindness

Place a candle:

Lord, let me be a light to others. For You have filled me with Your light.