

## **ALL THINGS NEW**

Rev. 21:5a, *“And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.””*

### **A New Covenant**

The old covenant was powerless to save. It remembered sins, it did not forget sins. It could only cover sins, it could not remove them. The Mosaic law was temporal; it had a fixed life span. It only prepared the way for a better and eternal covenant to replace it (Jer. 31:31, 33).

Jesus Christ came to fulfill the Law of Moses (Matt. 5:17) and create a new covenant.

Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance —now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant ( Heb. 9:15).

The old covenant was written in stone, but the new covenant is written on our hearts, made possible only by faith in Christ, who shed His own blood to atone for the sins of the world.

### **A New Birth**

Jesus said to Nicodemus, *“Verily, Verily, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God (John3:3).”*

The new birth also known as “regeneration” is the sovereign act of God ,whereby He imparts His very life and His very nature to the believing sinner (John 1:12-13; Tit. 3:5, 2 Pet. 1:4).

Man’s first birth is physical and natural; his second birth is spiritual and supernatural. His first birth makes him a member of a fallen race; his second birth makes him a member of a redeemed race.

The new birth is the foremost need of every man. Without it there is no salvation, no hope for heaven. It's impossible to be saved and not be “born again.” Vice versa, it's impossible to be “born again” and not be saved.

And it is a Biblical absurdity to suggest that a person is a believer in Christ, before he is saved and regenerated. Faith and regeneration take place simultaneously. They both take place at the same instant of time. One is the response of a lost, sinful man to the gospel; the other is the supernatural work of God.

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God (1 John 5:1).

### **A New Creation**

2 Cor.5:17, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”*

The late Baptist preacher Adrian Rogers would say, “Nature forms us. Sin deforms us. Schools inform us. Prisons reform us. But only Christ transforms us. In Christ we become new. A Christian is not just somebody who's become nice, he becomes new. He doesn't just turn over a new leaf. He receives a new life.”

The new creation is completely new, brought about from nothing (*ex-nihilo*), just as the whole universe was created by God from nothing.

Having become new creations on account of our new birth, the sin we once held onto, we now desire to put away forever. For progressive sanctification the Christian is exhorted to “put off the old man with his deeds” (Gal. 3:10), and put on the “new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph. 4:24).

Old, dead things are replaced with new things, full of life and the glory of God.

### **A New Song**

He has put a new song in my mouth— a hymn of praise to our God (Ps. 40:3).

There was no singing on the psalmist lips until he was delivered, established, and assured. And even then, we notice that the New Song was divinely inspired—“He (God)...”

The Bible is a book of singing, of songs. Solomon composed 1005 songs (1 Kings 4: 32). Even in the book of the Revelation, the most solemn of bible books, we find great gladness, joy and singing. Nine times we find “woe” is mentioned, but there are a total of 10 songs sung by 8 different choirs (Rev.5:9; 14: 3).

It is a remarkable fact; most of the singing in the Bible is in connection with Redemption. There can be no true joy and happiness apart from God and His wonderful salvation.

*I sing because I'm happy,*

*I sing because I'm free.*

### **A New Name**

The Bible doesn't give us reasons, why God choose new names for some people (i.e. Abram, Sarai, Jacob, Simon). But perhaps it was to let them know they were destined for a new mission in life. The new name was a way to let them in on the divine plan and also to assure them that God's plan would be fulfilled in them.

“To the one who is victorious, I will give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it” (Rev. 2:17). The written name indicates character and ownership (Num. 6:27; John 1:12). Believers will be owned by God and molded according to His character. They are “sons of God” (Matt. 5:9).

“He who overcomes,.....I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name (Rev.3:12).”

What these new names given the believers will be , we can't know now , but one thing is for sure, they will denote an aspect of the character of Jesus which is yet unrevealed ( Rev. 3:12; Rev. 19:12).

*There's a new name written down in glory, And it's mine, O yes, it's mine!*

### **New Heavens and a New Earth**

Rev. 21:1, 2, “*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. And I, John saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*”

By the time we reach the 21st chapter of Revelation, the recorded history of man is at its end. All of the ages, the way we know them have come and gone. Christ has gathered His church in the Rapture (1 Thess. 4:15-17). The Tribulation and the Great Tribulation of the book of Revelation have past. The Great White Throne Judgment has taken place, and mankind has been judged (Rev. 20:11-15).

With all the ungodly of mankind, Satan and the fallen angels banished forever and the present universe dissolved (Peter 3:10), God will create new spheres for the redeemed and holy angels to dwell in forever.

There will be no corruption there. No more sin or death there. No more tears there. No more sea or Temple will be found there.

Heaven and earth shall be brought into a blessed harmony with what God is. All who belong to Him shall enjoy full, unbroken, perfect communion with Him throughout eternity.

### **A New Jerusalem**

In Holy Scripture there are 2 Jerusalems: one is now “on” earth in the land of Israel, and will be in the Millennium; the other is “above” in heaven (Gal. 4:25-26; Heb. 12:22).

The “Jerusalem above” (Gal. 4:24), the “heavenly Jerusalem,” is the ultimate goal and destination of all the saints (John 14:2-3; Heb. 13:14). The Lord said, “I go prepare a place for you.” And that place is about ready.” The Christian will spend eternity there. The New Jerusalem will be the capital and center of the new universe.

The city will be suspended over the earth during the Millennium reign of Christ (Isa.60:1).

We hear of it coming down from heaven in vs. 2, “She comes down *out of heaven* as a “bride, the Lamb’s wife.” In the eternal state, God the Father *brings* heaven to earth in the New Jerusalem where He dwells with His own for eternity. The Glorious City will descend down and land on the new earth to rest there forever. Then God will be all in all!

1 Cor. 2:9, *“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.”*

Soli Deo Gloria!