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Subject: **New Beginnings – A New Creation**

**Scripture**

**Commentary**

Introduction

Jesus came to introduce a New Covenant so that those who follow him would be able to find salvation through his life, death and resurrection.

Amongst the many things he taught he showed us that we are to be reborn through him as new creations so that we may learn how to please God by following the teachings of Jesus.

This study takes a brief look at what it means to be a new creation in Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:5

Strangely enough in the last book of the New Testament we see these words.

“And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new.”

The work of Jesus was to do this ministry. He made all things new and through him mankind is re-created

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|            | <p>anew to be able to follow God. The work of the Lord is to re-create man in the image of Jesus, free from sin and bondage and as a vessel ready to do God's will. This work commenced with the death of Jesus for that was the point in time when the New Covenant came into effect.</p>  |
| Luke 16:16 | <p>Jesus makes an interesting statement in this scripture. He said, "The law and the prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one enters it violently."</p> <p>He shows here the beginning of the new age, that is, the New Covenant age, occurred after John the Baptist. These words show that he drew a line in the sand for he shows that the Old Covenant age of the law and the prophets continued until and ended at John the Baptist. After John we then see the preaching of the New Covenant commence, and it began with Jesus.</p> <p>The Old Covenant of law commenced with Moses who was called the servant of God. But the New Covenant is so much better than the Old Covenant, and so much more important than the Old Covenant the God chose to introduce it himself in the form of Jesus.</p>  |
| John 3:3   | <p>Here we see that a new beginning in a rebirth is essential. We need to be re-born, not as men of the flesh but as men of the Spirit. Jesus says here, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The word "anew" in this scripture is better translated as "from above."</p> <p>If we are to see the kingdom of God, let alone enter it, we are required to be born from above. We are to be born of the Spirit or born of God so that we may be able to enter God's Kingdom.</p> <p>Jesus goes on in this section showing that we must be born of water, which is baptism, and born of the Spirit, which is receiving the Holy Spirit. These two steps are essential if we are to see and enter into God's kingdom.</p> <p>Sadly there are many in the churches today who do not know or understand these requirements. This does not mean they will miss out, but it does make it a lot harder to live the overcoming life without this taking</p> |

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|                    | <p>place in a person's life. We are fighting a spiritual war and this akin to fighting with one hand tied behind your back. The rebirth in Jesus Christ through baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit is essential if you are to find, see and enter the kingdom of God.</p>  |
| 1 Peter 1:3, 23    | <p>Peter shows us that when we are born anew we become new creations in Jesus Christ. He wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," and also, "You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God."</p> <p>In Christ we are no longer men and women of the flesh. We are children of God and born anew in the Spirit, not through anything that we have done, but through the power of the word of God. It was by the entering into the death and resurrection of Jesus through baptism that we have been given this grace in which we stand. He has released us from the power of sin and death so that we can be made anew as new creations in Jesus Christ.</p>  |
| 2 Corinthians 5:17 | <p>Paul wrote, "Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."</p> <p>This is how we stand in Christ. The old person of the flesh that was weighed down by sin and subject to the law of sin and death is now gone. In Christ we have been given a new beginning. In Christ God has wiped the slate clean, removing all of our sins and releasing us from the bondage of the law so that we can be truly free. The old has passed away. It is gone, never to return.</p> <p>However many Christians seem to forget this. They fall into self-condemnation, they believe they are not good enough; they wallow in their old sins and so on. Jesus has set you free! You are not the old person, you are a new creation in Christ...and this is not through your own doing, it is based upon faith and given to you &amp; I by the grace of God.</p> |

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|                   | <p>So instead of falling back to old ways, let us instead grasp the truth of God's word and the teachings of Jesus with both hands and never let it go. We are saved! Hallelujah!</p>   |
| Romans 6:4        | <p>Now that we have been created anew in Christ, let us walk in this new life. Paul wrote, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."</p> <p>But how do we walk in this new life? What do we do and what must we believe to walk as Christ walked?</p>   |
| Romans 6:11       | <p>First we must hold on to the truth of the faith we have in Jesus Christ. In relation to sin we must put sin behind us for we are no longer in our sins. Sin is dead and gone for those who have entered Christ's resurrection in baptism. As Paul wrote, "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."</p> <p>This is where we now stand. Dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. If you continue to consider the reverse of this, that is, if you still believe that sin is alive in you, then you have not yet fully grasped the truth of the New Covenant. Re-read those words again. You are dead to sin and sin is dead to you. You are alive to God and Jesus is alive in you.</p> <p>You are being transformed into the image of Christ, so do not allow your past to get in the way...and it will. The devil is very quick to cause you to condemn yourself. He attacked Jesus so he will attack those who follow him too. But in Christ we already have the victory and as we learn Christ's ways, we gain the knowledge and skills to stand against the devil through Jesus Christ.</p> |
| Ephesians 4:22-24 | <p>But how are we to change our lives so that we become like Christ? Paul shows us saying, "Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."</p>   |

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|               | <p>Since the old you has gone in Christ Jesus, no longer live as you used to do. Put your old ways away from you for you are a new creation created in Jesus Christ. Your former life was leading to destruction, but as you grow in the new life of Jesus Christ it will lead to life and eternity.</p> <p>You are being transformed into the image of Christ for your mind is being renewed in the image of Jesus as you learn his ways and mature in Christianity. But this does not happen overnight. It takes a long time for the transformation to be complete, and it may not be complete in this age for many, many Christians. And this is why God has given us his grace so that we are covered while we stumble along this path that is set before us. God knows we will fall and make mistakes in this journey, so he provides his grace so that we can continue in confidence while we learn to walk in His ways.</p> <p>Paul further wrote on this matter saying in Colossians 3:9-10, "Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator."</p> <p>There are changes to be made so that we can learn what is pleasing to God and so that we can truly put off the old nature. But how do we do that and what should our attitudes be like in this learning and growing process?</p> |
| 1 Peter 2:1-3 | <p>Peter shows us that we need to long for the knowledge that will lead us into the truth. He wrote, "So put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation; for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord."</p> <p>We are re-born in Jesus Christ and we became babes in Christ when we came to him. And just as a baby seeks milk and food, so too we need to seek the spiritual milk that are the teachings of Jesus Christ. We need to be nourished by the teachings of the truth so that we grow strong, healthy and mature in Christ, able to withstand all the evil that is and will be thrown at us in this world. And thank God that he is kind to us as we walk this path for he shows us what we need when we need it.</p>  |

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| Summary | <p>Let us then seek Jesus in the truth. Study his word and not take anything for granted. Jesus is fulfilling the promises and prophecies that began at the beginning of the ages when He said he would “make man in his image” as is stated in Genesis 1. This work that is being done in us was ordained from the beginning of time and it is drawing towards a conclusion as God said it would do.</p> <p>We are in the end time and so let us not be tardy about grabbing hold of this great offer that God has set before us. He created man with the ability to make a choice. Choose God and be born anew.</p> |
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