

## THE NEW CREATION

### INTRODUCTION

*Recap of series*

*- Is God doing a new thing?*

*Rev 21:5*

*Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."*

- The story of the monk and the image of Christ*
- The key to the end times is understanding the New Creation*
- Transformation in the mirror of the Word*
- Transformation through a "Face to Face" relationship with God*
- Only transformed people can bring transformation*
- Eastern Europe Story*

*Eph 1:17*

*17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your [f]understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality[g] and [h]power and [i]might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*

*22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

*Rom 8:26*

*26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession [g]for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

*28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

*31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

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### I. GOD'S MAIN CALL ON THE CHURCH IN THIS TIME

- Our mission needs to be the outflow of our identity, not the other way around.
- Our primary mission is to show the world Jesus, not simply tell. To re-present Jesus to the world.
- We will reflect, to the world, the image of the God we see.

### II. UNDERSTANDING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

- Does God plan everything that happens to us?
- The seven sources of suffering:
  - God
  - satan
  - Ourselves
  - Others
  - Fallen world
  - Persecution for the gospels sake
  - Lack of knowledge
- Understanding the difference between God initiating everything and being sovereign over everything.
- How can we tell the difference?
  - James 1

### III. UNDERSTANDING ROM 8:28 AS A PROMISE, NOT A FATALITY

- Is every promise from God an automatic fatality in our lives?
- Do we apply that principle to Rom 8:28?
- How to make this passage work in our lives
  - Fulfill the conditions
  - Engage our faith

### IV. QUESTIONS TO ASK IN A STORM

*Is there any offense in my heart (towards God or others)?*

- David encouraged himself in the Lord 1 Sam 30:6
- David enquired of the Lord 1 Sam 30:8

*Seven prophetic questions to ask in a cave*

- What is your word to me in this season?
- Is there any foothold in my life I need to repent from?
- What part of who you are, do you want me to see in this season?
- What part of who I am, do you want me to see in this season?
- Where do you want me to grow in this season?
- What do you want to reveal to me in this season?
- Who do you want me to minister to in this season?

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*V. LEARNING TO LIVE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES AND MAKING LIFE WORK TOWARD YOUR SHALOM.*

- Build a long term relationship with God that will grow and move forward in all circumstances.*
- Learn to use every circumstance, attack, temptation to push you further into who God says you are, are and can do.*
- Build a life that is offense free in all circumstances.*
- Learn to rejoice in all things and believe to see the hand of God released.*

*ENDING PLAN.....*

*For the Lord is good and his mercies endure forever.*