

THE NEW CREATION

INTRODUCTION

- For the month of August we will be studying the subject of the new creation
- The future of the church is linked with the revelation of this subject.
- The church cannot go where it need to go with it's current image of God.
- All of Scripture is written for the church but we are in a season where the revelation of Ephesians is of primary importance.
- The key to understanding the end times is married to our revelation of the new creation.
- Paul's prayer in Eph 1:15-23

Eph 1

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 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.

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.

THE IMAGE OF GOD

- Graham shares about an encounter he had with a monk who taught him about the image of God.
- Man was originally created in God's image and likeness.
- Gen 1:26
- Gods commandment to not make an image of him in our own likeness.
- Nebuchadnezzar's dream and subsequent idolatry.
- Jesus is the image of the invisible God.
- Our call to be conformed into the image of Jesus.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

THE NEW CREATION

GOD'S PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION

- God has already remade us in the image of Jesus in our spirit man.
- The plan of God is that our soul is conformed into the image that we already bear in our spirit man.
- Our call is not to try to produce change by our own efforts.
- Our call is to receive revelation of our identity as a new creation, and change our thinking to “put on that new man.”

Rom 12:2

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Eph 4:24

24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

APPLYING THE TRUTH OF THE NEW CREATION IN OUR DAILY WALK

Romans 6:4

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.

The three primary methods that God uses to affect transformation in our soul

- I. The Word of God
- II. Worship and intimacy with God
- III. The circumstances of life

ENDING

Who are we?

JUSTIFIED (Romans 5:1)

A CHILD of God (Romans 8:16)

FORGIVEN (Colossians 1:13, 14)

THE NEW CREATION

An IMITATOR of Jesus (Ephesians 5:1)
SANCTIFIED (I Corinthians 6:17)
A New CREATION (II Corinthians 5:17)
LED by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14)
More than a CONQUEROR (Romans 8:37)
HEALED by His Stripes (I Peter 2:24)
Casting all our CARES on Jesus (I Peter 5:7)
Daily OVERCOMING the devil (I John 1:4)
Kept in SAFETY wherever I go (Psalms 91:11)
SAVED by Grace through Faith (Ephesians 2:8)
PARTAKER of His Divine Nature (II Peter 1:4)
A LABORER TOGETHER with God (I Corinthians 3:9)
ABOVE only and NOT beneath (Deuteronomy 28:13)
NOT MOVED by what I see (II Corinthians 4:18)
An INHERITOR of ETERNAL life (I John 5:11, 12)
REDEEMED from the HAND of the enemy (Psalms 107:2)
REDEEMED from the CURSE of the Law (Galatians 3:13)
BLESSED coming IN and going OUT (Deuteronomy 28:6)
Blessed with all SPIRITUAL blessings (Ephesians 1:3)
EXERCISING my AUTHORITY over the enemy (Luke 10:19)
ESTABLISHING God's Word here on EARTH (Matthew 16:19)
GETTING all my needs met by JESUS (Philippians 4:19)
Being TRANSFORMED by a RENEWED mind (Romans 12:1 & 2)
WALKING by faith and not by SIGHT (II Corinthians 6:7)
DELIVERED from the POWERS of DARKNESS (Colossians 1:13)

THE NEW CREATION

Casting down VAIN IMAGINATIONS (I Corinthians 10:4 & 5)

Bringing every THOUGHT into captivity (II Corinthians 10:5)

STRONG in the Lord and in the POWER of His Might (Ephesians 6:10)

OBSERVING and doing the Lord's COMMANDMENTS (Deuteronomy 28:12)

Doing all things through CHRIST who STRENGTHENS me (Philippians 4:13)

An OVERCOMER by the BLOOD of the LAMB and Word of my Testimony (Rev. 12:11)