

We are New Creations – Message 1

I. New Creation Defined

A. The Nature of Man

1. Before the Fall

- a) in fellowship with God (Genesis 3:8)
- b) master of the Earth (Genesis 1:28, 2:8, 15)

2. After the Fall

- a) no more fellowship (*Genesis 3:22-24*)
 - 1. the result of Adam and Eve's sin was the *dissolution of intimate fellowship and separation from God* and they were now forced to leave the Garden
 - 2. rather than having the privilege to govern the earth, subdue it and have dominion over it, they forfeited that right by disobedience to God
 - a) you can see the level of dominion God gave Adam in the 2nd chapter when *God brought all the animal to Adam* to see what he would name them; God was interested in what Adam would choose to name them
 - 3. the dominion they were once given was handed over to the devil and as 2 Corinthians says, Satan became the god of this world
 - 4. now, rather than enjoying the luxury of the Garden of Eden, they were forced to work by the sweat of their brows to make the earth produce everything they would possess
- b) no longer masters but slaves
 - 1. *John 8:44*
 - a) when Adam and Eve severed their connection to God, they were adopted into a different family and now had *a different spiritual father*
 - b) they now possessed the nature of the devil himself and had death in their spirits rather than life
 - c) God's original intention was for man to live in constant harmony with him and *for his physical body to live forever*

2. *Romans 6:17-20*

- a) we are always servants to someone and after the fall, man became *a servant* to sin, constantly obeying its lusts and desires
- b) God intended for us to be his loyal servants and serve Him, which is what Adam and Eve enjoyed before the fall by having the privilege to walk and talk with God during the cool of the day in the Garden

3. *Ephesians 2:12*

- a) this verse tells us that when man committed sin in the garden he became an *alien and a stranger to God* because covenant fellowship was broken and he was adopted into another spiritual family
- b) this means that Adam passed on a seed of sin that inherently alienated mankind toward God; they were unable to know him or have fellowship with Him because they could not know Him

3. The New Birth

a) restored fellowship (*Ephesians 2:19*)

- 1. the alienation and stranger lifestyle we once lived has now been done away with because Jesus became the way back for us; He is the path we walk down that leads us back to rightstanding and fellowship with the Father
- 2. we no longer have to be spiritually detached from God but can walk with Him spiritually just like Adam and Eve did in the Garden

b) no longer slaves (*Galatians 4:7*)

- 1. here in verse 7, it shows that man is no longer the slave he became after sinning against God; rather, we all have been made sons and daughters of God because in verse 6, it says that now when we call on God, we call Him “Abba” or “daddy”
- 2. we have received spiritual adoption into a new family and now have brand new fellowship with our Heavenly Father; Satan is no longer our god or our spiritual father,

c) world overcomers (1 John 5:4)

- 1. because we have been led back to the Father through Jesus, we have been born again, giving us victory over the sin nature to which we were once servants

2. we are now believers who have a newly restored relationship with God who overcome the challenges of the world with the faith of God

C. The New Creation

1. Recreated in Christ

a) *Ephesians 2:10*

1. as believers of God, we have composed and created by God to go throughout the Earth doing His works, specifically the works that He planned for our individual lives from the foundation of the world
2. Even from the fall of Adam, God had a plan to restore us to fellowship and specific works for us to accomplish in His name and for His glory

b) *2 Corinthians 5:17*

1. now because we possess a relationship with the Lord through Jesus Christ, we have been made new creations, or “*a new species of being that never existed before*”
2. the old nature that was plagued and dead with sin has been completely demolished and God the Father put in us brand new spirits, ones that are made in His likeness and can commune with Him

3. No longer in bondage to Satan

a) *Colossians 1:13*

1. now with our newly created spirits, we have been taken out of the devil's current of darkness and brought over into the kingdom of God, where He is Lord and we are his sons and daughters
2. the current of darkness that much of the world is caught up in has no more authority of power over our decisions, thoughts or feelings

b) *Romans 6:14, 22*

1. the sin nature now has no more right or power to lord over any part of our lives: spirit, soul or body
2. if it still had the right to rule over us and force us to be its servants, that Jesus' sacrifice would have been of no effect in our lives

3. now we are free from its devices and the only way it can defeat us is if we yield ourselves as servants to it

c) *Romans 5:8-19*

1. Here in this passage, Adam's and Jesus' works are contrasted
2. First, even though through Adam death passed to all of mankind, through Jesus the grace of God has abounded to all people, allowing the opportunity to be freed from a lifestyle of sin and death
3. Next, the judgment of Adam's actions in the Garden resulted in the condemnation of people, but God's judgment of Jesus' life on the Earth resulted in the justification of man from sin
4. Finally, Adam's disobedience in the Garden resulted in men possessing an inherently sinful nature, but because of Jesus' obedience, the sin nature has passed away and we are now the righteousness of God in Christ

d) *Colossians 2:12-15*

1. in verse 13, we are told that through Jesus' work at Calvary, our spirits have been recreated and made alive to God because He has wiped away and forgiven all of our sins
2. our sins and our sin nature was nailed to the cross in Christ and now it is as though they never existed before
3. furthermore, Jesus went into hell itself to reduce the principalities and powers of darkness to nothing, then rising up victorious over the grave
4. because of this, we can live victoriously in this live over the devil and then look forward to spending eternity in continual fellowship with the Father and the Son

II. Summary

- A. Man lost his fellowship with God after the fall
- B. Man died spiritually in Adam
- C. The new birth restores all that was lost