

New

— all things —

...“Behold,
I am making
all things new”...
Revelation 21:5



All Things New

The Bible tells us that God is in the process of making all things new. All creation, including humankind, awaits God to intervene and give redemption. We see the process of God's work through the heart of the Creator, the power of the cross, and opportunities for the Christian.

The Heart of the Creator

God created everything with design and purpose. However, within His creative plan, He gave more recognition and care to humanity than anything else.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-27

Creation and life were in perfect balance. Adam and Eve had a relationship with their Creator and experienced fulfillment. God gave guidance for living, warned them to abide by His rules, and to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They listened to the advice of Satan instead of God and broke their agreement with the Almighty. They committed sin. This sin created a separation between them and God and ultimately us. Not only did sin corrupt the lives of Adam and Eve but also the lives of everyone who came after them. Because sin came into the human experience and caused separation from the Creator, death soon followed.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

Romans 5:12–13

The Power of the Cross

The relationship between God and man was severed due to sin. No human intention or deed would be sufficient to bridge that gap. We were separated from God and condemned to eternal punishment.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Although God demands holiness and perfection that we could never achieve, He foresaw our dilemma and intervened personally. Jesus Christ (the Son of God) came to earth and lived a perfect life and made a way for all people. Jesus, with His perfection, gave Himself as payment for our sins. He paid for our sins on the cross to bring us to God the Father.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

God, through Christ, calls for everyone to place their faith upon His son, Jesus. The Bible tells us that it is through faith that we come to God.

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:9-10

The Opportunities for the Christian

Once a person accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the Bible tells us that if anyone is in Christ, they are made new.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

The individual's past is gone; they have a fresh start and outlook on both life and eternity. The shackles of sin are broken and the individual is now free. God has overcome the separation to proclaim freedom to everyone who has a relationship with Jesus Christ. Freedom means living your life to the fullest through a relationship with God.

The Christian now has decisions to make regarding their newfound faith. What does God want from us? After salvation, the Bible tells us that God desires for people who have expressed faith to be baptized.

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you..."

Acts 2:38a

So those who received his word were baptized...

Acts 2:41a

God also wants us to be a member of a faith community known as a church. A church is made up of God's people worshipping Him, studying His Word, and helping others follow Him.

The opportunities do not stop with these decisions. When God makes a person new, they have freedom. This does not mean anyone should turn to sin or live only for oneself. True freedom allows us to serve God and make a difference for eternity.

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

The Christian should discover more about God and what it means to follow Him by reading His Word.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

Every believer should tell others that God can make them new. The greatest experience of this life needs to be shared with others.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Next Steps



Profess faith in Jesus Christ



Get baptized



Join the church



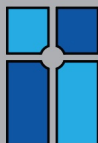
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