



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Series: Healthy Church

Message: “Treasures in Heaven: A Renewed Season of Giving”

DATE: September 5, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

Isaiah 43:18-19, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Colossians 1:15-18, 2 Corinthians 7:1, Romans 8:18-25, Exodus 6:7 (Foreshadowing of a renewed cosmos), Isaiah 63:12, 65:17, 2 Peter 3:13, Isaiah 49:8-9, Acts 2:17

OPENING SCRIPTURE:

[Isaiah 43:18-19]

*¹⁸ “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a **new thing**; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Is 43:18–19.

“God Changes us not just by teaching us to do different things, but by recapturing our hearts...”

-Paul D. Tripp

TERMS & BACKGROUND:

[THE SECOND EXODUS] ISAIAH 43:16-17, 11:11-16. The Old Testament is a foreshadowing of the True Israel and in this, we are reminded that the exodus of Egypt and Babylon are foreshadowing of the exodus we are now apart. Today is the spiritual exodus and Jesus is the true Israel and therefore we are the children of Israel.

[THE NEW CREATION] “The *kainē ktisis*, *new creation*, is an arresting thought of Paul’s. Just as Genesis showed a creation marred and spoiled by sin, so later in prophet and apocalyptic arose the picture of a new universe, a new *ktisis* or *creation* of God (e.g. Isa. 65:17, taken up by Rev. 21:1).”

R. Alan Cole, *Galatians: An Introduction and Commentary*, vol. 9, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1989), 236.

The New creation speaks to:

- *The people of God (the New Israel/Jesus is the Last Adam)*
- *Regenerate man (Man spiritually alive)*
- *The New Heaven & New Earth (Physical recreation of Eden/sinless world)*

[RE-CREATION] Restoring everything that God has made to its God-honoring state without sin and its effects. Recreation involves a Spiritual resurrection and is empowered by the resurrection of Jesus.

OUTLINE:

I. A NEW CREATION: Spirit-Filled Man

All men & women died Spiritually with Adam at the fall. Jesus through the power of the spirit resurrects the spiritually dead to life and becomes our guide to lead us out of this world to a new heaven and a new earth. The Spirit-filled man can now follow Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:14-17 ¹⁴ *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;* ¹⁵ *and **he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*** ¹⁶ *From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.* ¹⁷ *Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.***”

- *The new that has come is the regenerated Spiritual creature that God has awakened*

- The Old view has died-- the old view of Christ and other people
 - *This is a spontaneous act of God in which the Holy Spirit reveals truth within us and melts away false views*
 - The New has come-- the Mind of Christ is placed in us
 - *This is an instant cleansing of sin and declaration of holiness because of association with Jesus*
 - *All of this comes through participation in the new creation that is in Christ*
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GALATIANS 6:15 *"For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation."*¹⁶ *And as for **all who walk by this rule, peace, and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.***"

- *The new creation is the Israel of God (the recreated and true Israel)*
 - *The person who is a member of the New Israel of God walk in His rule, with His peace, and understand His mercy*
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Christ's resurrection is the beginning of the
"Already and not yet, end-time, new creational
Kingdom"

-G Beale

II. A NEW CREATION: Spiritual Exodus

(v18) "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old."

- **"Remember not"**- *Remember not the deliverance from Egypt*
- **"Nor Consider"**- *Do not compare the first deliverance to the one that was coming*
 - We often get fixated on past victories
 - *Parting of the Red sea*
 - *The utter defeat of our enemies in the*
 - We often get bogged down in past defeats
 - *Thinking that our past failures will repeat themselves (sins that lead to captivity)*
 - Today we are not to look over our backs at what God has done in our past only but look to Him now and His ongoing Kingdom of deliverance

- Jesus is the final and perfect redeemer/deliverer

(v19) “Behold, I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

- **“I am doing a new thing”**- *The deliverance from Babylon captivity*
- **“Now it springs forth”**- *The new things are in motion as God has a master plan from the beginning of time and each phase of humanity is a progressive revealing of that master plan*
 - This passage is also a prophecy of Jesus the coming Messiah
 - In this Idea of God will deliver His people (God has shown Himself faithful over and again)

III. A NEW CREATION: Heaven and new Earth

It’s all building to a completely new heaven and earth where the Garden will be restored (life before sin entered the world).

REVELATIONS 21:1-4 *“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, **the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.** ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, **for the former things have passed away.**”*

- This earth must pass away for the permanent to come
- This earth must be made new again
- Jesus always had the plan to make earth our home but it will be renamed and reset to fulfill God’s design (an ability to worship Him unrestrained)

- The New Heaven and new Earth is sinless (full restoration=glorification)
- The new Heaven and new earth is about the permanent presence of God with his people (full restoration of fellowship)

