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Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Subject: A new creation

Why is it necessary?

Rom 1:18 – the invisible things of God are clearly seen from creation of the world. When God created the world, He saw that it was very good (Gen 1:31), it was what He desired, exactly as He planned and purposed. It was made for the purpose that His creation could have fellowship with Him.

Into the world that God had made, sin and death came, so the world was corrupted.(Rom 5:12)

Gen 2:9 God planted the tree of life in the midst of the garden as evidence of God's purpose that man would enjoy life. The devil came in enticing men to go against what God had said (Gen 3:1). As a result, death came in (Rom 5:12), man's life was limited and [The whole creation groans, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God](#) (Rom 8:19,22)

There must be a new creation because of the corruption of sin.

Why not just remould? The flood recorded in Genesis 6-8 resulted in a reworking of the world yet not long after sin and corruption came back in through the line of man. The Lord illustrates His dealing in the picture of the potter as recorded in Jeremiah 18. Sin was so corrupting that it is impossible to simply improve that which has been corrupted. In Romans 7 :19, Paul states the law that governs the actions of man who is not in the good of new creation: [“the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.”](#)

God gave His law, the commandments (Exodus 20) as evidence of the standards expected. Could men keep it?

One of the best of men could say [“In me ... dwelleth no good thing”](#)(Rom 7:18)

At the end of Revelation (Ch 20:8), God had given everything He could but the answer of man was still to rebel against Him.

How will the new creation happen?

From the world God is calling out a people for himself - [“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief”](#) (1 Tim 1:15)

Who is Christ Jesus? - the very Son of God (Matt 16:18).

He came in to the world not in power and glory but in lowliness. A man among men.

[“No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son that is the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him”](#) (John 1:18) - the Son showed everything that could be seen of the Father.

A new creation requires God to reconcile us to Himself.

[“God hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin”](#) (2 Cor 5:21) All the corruption of the centuries was laid on Him; everything that our sin demanded was laid on His account.

There is no lasting peace achieved by men.

When God makes peace, everything that causes enmity has been dealt with at the place called Calvary (Col 1: 20, 21). He died that the righteousness of God could be imputed to us.

[“He bore my sins in His own body on the tree”](#) (1 Peter 2:24)

Every person who confesses they are not worthy and believes Christ has done everything God demanded will be saved.

Once God has dealt with sins He will not call them up again, He will not demand the payment a second time.

Romans 8:1 states [“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus”](#)

[“Where sin abounded grace did much more abound”](#) (Romans 5:20)

The only certainty this life holds is that it will end in death. God intervened in the lives of Enoch and Elijah so that they did not die, but the general principle is [“It is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment”](#) (Heb 9:27). God can offer to man what they could never do for themselves: He can give us eternal life.

The believer is not looking for death. We have a living Saviour who has destroyed death. Whether we die or not our place in heaven is secure. Because He is alive all who put their trust in Him shall live forever.

The words of the Lord recorded in John 11:25 are [“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die”](#), but this is only possible through faith: [“Without faith it is impossible to please God”](#) (Heb 11:6)

God will bring in a new creation - [“wherein dwelleth righteousness”](#) (2 Peter 3:13), but before that He must judge all and [“Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”](#) (Rev 20:15).

Any man in Christ is a new creation (2 Cor 5:17), but without Christ means to be without hope (Eph 2:12).