

新造的人

THE NEW CREATION

大衛在詩篇第十九篇描述神創造的偉大說，「諸天述說神的榮耀·穹蒼傳揚祂的手段。」在詩篇第八篇，當他觀看神指頭所造的天與所陳設的月亮星宿，更希奇的說，「人算甚麼、你竟顧念他·世人算甚麼、你竟眷顧他。你叫他比天使微小一點、並賜他榮耀尊貴為冠冕。」神在以賽亞書中曾宣告，「凡稱為我名下的人、是我為自己的榮耀創造的、是我所作成、所造作的。」在創造中，人是神手中的傑作，也關乎著祂永遠的旨意。

亞當是第一個被造的人，因著經不起撒但的試探而犯罪，他對神大愛的懷疑與未聽神的命令是很大的錯，但最嚴重的，是罪因此由他一人進入了世界，整個受造萬有都受了影響。保羅在羅馬書第八章說，「受造之物、切望等候神的眾子顯出來。因為受造之物服在虛空之下、不是自己願意、乃是因那叫他如此的。但受造之物仍然指望脫離敗壞的轄制、得享神兒女自由的榮耀。」亞當犯了罪，整個人類成為無望墮落的族類，整個受造之物都變舊了，受著敗壞的轄制。

當耶穌基督降生到世上，這位萬有的主竟然成為一個卑微的人，然而這一個人卻為整個受造萬有帶來了新的盼望。萬有原是藉著祂造的，又是為祂造的，現在萬有更在祂的裏面。主行走在地上，祂所說的每一句話、所作的每一件事，在萬有中都是新的，也關乎著萬有的命運。當神的兒子在十架為我們受死，祂的死是包羅萬有的死，所有的舊造在祂裏面都結束了；當主復活時，祂

In Psalms 19, David described the greatness of God's creation: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." In Psalms 8, when he looked at the moon and stars placed by God, he was amazed and said: "what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?" God proclaimed in the book of Isaiah that "everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Among all creation, human being is the masterpiece of God's work for they are concerning His eternal purpose.

Adam was the first one created, but he sinned at the temptation of Satan. His mistake was that he doubted about God's great love and disobeyed Him. The worst of all was that "sin" entered into the world through him and affected the entire creation. Paul said in Romans 8: "The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God." Adam sinned, and the entire mankind became a fallen and hopeless race and bonded by decay.

When Jesus Christ came to the world, it was the Lord of all who became a lowly man. Yet, this seemingly lowly man brought new hope to all creation. All creation was created by Him, and for Him as well as in Him. When the Lord lived on earth, His words and deeds were completely new and concerning the fate of all creation. When he died on the cross, His death was all inclusive, that is, He ended all old creation. When He resurrected, He brought in the new creation.

帶進了新造萬有。

保羅在哥林多後書第五章告訴我們，「若有人在基督裏、他就是新造的人。舊事已過、都變成新的了。」在主那裏，所有的工作都已經完成了；就我們而論，卻需要一個一個的來進入、來經歷。我們要脫離舊造，成為新造，惟一的條件就是在基督裏。再好的善行、再多的努力都不能讓我們脫離，惟有信入基督，相信並接受耶穌基督成為我們的救主。我們在基督裏就是新造的人，就已經進入這一個事實，舊事已過、都變成新的了。當我們受浸歸入基督，一面我們宣告主已經作成的，我們的舊人已經和祂同釘十字架；另一面我們可以實際的來經歷，現在活著的不再是我，乃是基督在我裏面活，使我們「一舉一動有新生的樣式」，讓這新生命的新樣從我們彰顯出來。

我們這些在基督裏新造的人，是在萬有中首先蒙贖的。萬有現在都在等候得贖的日子來到，等候神完成祂的工作在神兒女的身上、等候神的眾子顯出來。到那一天，神的旨意完成了，基督率領眾子進入榮耀，萬有都得著復興，「坐寶座的說、看哪、我將一切都更新了。」（啟 21:5）

Paul told us in II Corinthians 5 that "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come." As far as the Lord is concerned, all work is done, yet we have to experience it individually. The only condition for us to become a new creation is to be in Christ. Our charitable deeds or efforts can not help us to be delivered from the old creation. Only by believing into Christ and accepting Him as our Savior, can we become a new creation. All things shall pass and become new. When we are baptized into Christ, on one hand we proclaim what the Lord has done, and on the other hand, we can experience what He has done, that is, to experience the truth that it is no longer I that lives but Christ who lives in me. Therefore, we may walk in newness of life.

We the new creatures in Christ are the ones redeemed first among all creation. All creation is now waiting for the date of redemption, waiting for God to complete His work on His children, and waiting for God's many sons to reveal. On that day when God's purpose is fulfilled, when Christ leads many sons into glory, and when all creation is brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God, it will be the time that He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"