

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1324: What Is the New Creation?

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1. Why did God need to develop a “brand-new branch” of spiritual government? What are we calling this new branch? Who would “staff” this government agency?
2. What does the Abrahamic Promise tell us about God’s plan for all mankind? How are Abraham’s descendants described? What does this hint at? Who does Paul identify as the seed of Abraham? Explain the order of blessing in this promise. (See Genesis 22:15-18, Galatians 3:16,26-29)
3. How does the Exodus out of Egypt echo the conditions of the Abrahamic Promise? Who are the two groups saved in the Exodus? How were the firstborn saved? How and why was the second group saved? Who does Paul identify as the Passover Lamb slain for us? (See Exodus 12:12-13, 1 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 12:23)
4. What are two meanings of the word translated “new” in the New Testament? What is the definition of “creature/creation”? How could something be created after God *rested*? Explain how “new” is contrasted with “old” in Matthew 5:21,22 and Revelation 20:1-2. (See Mark 2:21-22, 10:6)
5. When did God conceive the idea of a new creation? What is its purpose? How do we know predestination is not speaking of individuals? Where do those who become part of the new creation come from? How do we know what is required of those who want to be part of the new creation? What does God give to these followers of Jesus? Who was Isaac? Whom did he represent? (See Ephesians 1:3-6, Romans 8:12-17)
6. How does Jesus comfort his disciples just before his crucifixion? What do we expect it to be like for those true followers of Jesus in the future? While we are waiting for our complete adoption as sons, what should we expect in our present lives? Contrast our *old creature* we are setting aside to the *new creature* we are striving for. (See John 14:1-3, 1 John 3:1-3, Romans 7:21-25,8:23, 1 Corinthians 15:50-57, 2 Corinthians 5:1-5)
7. How are we invited to become part of this special class? What are the three changes in our old lives that we must undergo to grow into a *new creature*? Discuss how Romans 6:3-9 gives us guidelines in living differently. (See John 1:11-13, Philippians 3:14, 2 Corinthians 5:13-18)
8. What is the work of the “ministry of reconciliation”? How does this fit with the illustration of the Passover in Egypt? What two groups do we see again in Romans 8? What is the world’s condition? What are they waiting for? What is the part of those faithful followers of Jesus?
9. What is the only thing that can separate us from the love of God? (See 2 Corinthians 5:19, Romans 8:19-23,39)
10. Do you see yourself in the new creation at this time? If you have a desire to become a truly faithful follower of Christ, what do you need to change/improve in your life? (See Revelation 2:10)