

Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study

Jesus Can Make All Things New: Even You!

Week of December 31, 2017 A.D.

The Bible says that there will be a day when God makes all things new. But, if you want to be there when it happens, you must first be made new while you are still alive on this broken planet.

Introduction

1. Please name one or more of your possessions which you wish could be brand new. Would that new thing cause you to be full of joy? How would that new thing change your life? Please explain your answers.
2. If you could change one thing about your life and/or your circumstances, what would it be? Why?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

3. Are you “in Christ”? Is Jesus your Savior? Is Jesus your Lord? Please explain your answers.
4. If you are not a Christian, please state why you are not. If you are a Christian, please describe (a) the new creation you have become, (b) the old creation which you used to be, and (c) the benefits and struggles of your new life in Christ.

Read Acts 5:17 – 20

5. To your knowledge, were the apostles “ordinary men” or were they trained theologians? Do all Christians have the same “new life” as the apostles did? Does God expect you to “tell the people the full message of this new life”? What is your experience and version of “the full message” of this new life? Please explain your answers.

Read Romans 6:1 – 4

6. Does God expect all Christians to be baptized? What does water baptism symbolize? Please explain.

7. Which is more meaningful and valuable to God: (a) that you be baptized in water? or (b) that you live a new life in Christ? In your answer, please explain the difference between (a) water baptism and (b) a new life in Christ.

8. Please describe your personal experience of being (a) “buried with Christ through baptism into death” and (b) raised “to live a new life”.

Read Ephesians 4:20 – 24

9. Read verse 22. Carefully absorb what it says, then answer these questions. Is “your old self” (a) still alive within you? (b) still “being corrupted by its deceitful desires”? (c) completely gone (“put off”) and in the rear view mirror in every area of your life? Please explain each answer.

10. What are you doing (and how often do you do it) to (a) “be made new in the attitude of your mind” and (b) “put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness”? Please explain each answer.

Read John 13:34 – 35

11. Is there a difference between a “believer in Christ” and a “disciple of Christ”? If so, what is that difference? If so, which are you (a) a disciple? or (b) a believer? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

12. Does Jesus command every Christian to love every Christian? If not, why not? If so, how is this possible? Why does Jesus call this “a new command”? Please explain each answer.

Consider: Jesus came to earth to give to us the freedom to live with Him forever in the new heaven and the new earth. (Rev. 21:1) Each of us has a personal choice to make. We can choose to be made new in Christ and live with Him forever in the new heaven and the new earth. Or, we can choose to remain as we are and be condemned along with all of the other people who refuse to receive a new life in Christ. “You think about that.” Amen.