

“NEW YEAR, NEW ME: NEW CREATION”
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1. WE WORSHIP THE GOD OF CREATION.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:1-2)

A. GOD CREATES EVERYTHING OUT OF NOTHING. (Genesis 1:3-30)

B. GOD CREATED EVERYTHING VERY GOOD.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (Genesis 1:31)

2. MAN’S SIN REJECTED GOD’S PERFECT CREATION.

A. WE DESIRE TO BE LIKE GOD.

“For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:5)

B. WE ARE FOOLED BY THE OUTWARD APPEAL.

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. (Genesis 3:6)

C. OUR DESIRE BECOMES OUR SIN.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. (Genesis 3:7)

3. GOD STILL CREATES NEW.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4)

A. JESUS IS THE FIRST OF GOD’S NEW CREATION.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known. (John 1:14-18)

B. TO BECOME SOMETHING, YOU MUST FIRST BECOME NOTHING.

i. REPENT

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. (John 1:6-8)

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:1-2)

ii. SURRENDER YOUR DESIRES TO GOD’S WILL.

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

iii. LIVE A LIFE RECREATED IN THE SPIRIT.

MEMORY VERSE

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself
(2 Corinthians 5:17-18a)

GOING DEEPER IN THE HOME

1. How did the desire or appeal of a situation or decision backfire on you?
2. How did/can God restore that situation through making you a new creation?
3. As the new creation, you live under God's grace. Pray through Romans 8:11 and ask for God's Spirit to lead and guide your daily decisions.