

His Second Creation

Revelation 3:14, "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God."

Let us see what God's Prophet for this day has said about it:

The beginning of the creation of God. That is Who the Lord Jesus says He is. But those words don't mean exactly as they sound to us. Just taking them the way they sound has made some people (in fact multitudes of people) get the idea that Jesus was the first creation of God, making Him lower than Godhead. Then this first creation created all the rest of the universe and whatsoever it contains. But that is not right. You know that doesn't line up with the rest of the Bible. The words are, "He is the beginner or author of the creation of God." Now we know for a surety **that Jesus is God, very God. He is the Creator.**

St. John 1:3, "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made."

He is the One of Whom it is said: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (*Gen. 1:1*). Also it says in Exodus 20:11, "*For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day.*" See, there is no doubt that He is the Creator. **He was the Creator of a finished physical creation.**

Surely we can see what these words mean now. To have any other interpretation would mean that God created God. How could God be created when He, Himself, is the Creator?

But now He is standing in the midst of the Church (*Rev. 3:14*). As He stands there revealing Who He is in this last age, He calls Himself **the "Author of the creation of God". This is another creation. This has to do with the church.** This is a special designation of Himself. He is the creator of that church. **The heavenly Bridegroom created his own bride. As the Spirit of God, He came down and created in the virgin Mary the cells from which His body was born.** I want to repeat that. He created the very cells in the womb of Mary for that body. It was not enough for the Holy Spirit to simply give life to a human ovum supplied by Mary. That would have been sinful mankind producing a body. **That would not have produced the "Last Adam"** (*I Cor. 15:45-49*). Of Him it was said "Lo a body hast Thou (Father) prepared for Me." (*Heb. 10:5*). **God (not Mary) provided that body.** Mary was the human incubator and she carried that Holy Child and brought Him to

birth. **It was a God-man.** He was the Son of God. **He was of the new creation.** Man and God met and joined; **He was the first of this new race. He is the head of this new race.**

Colossians 1:18, "And He is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; that in all things He might have the pre-eminence."

There you can see that though man was of the old order or creation, **now in union with Christ, he has become the new creation of God** (*II Cor. 5:17*).

This new Creation is not the old creation made over, or it could not be called a new creation (*Gal. 6:15*). This is exactly what it says it is, "New Creation". **It is another creation, distinct from the old one.** No longer is He dealing by ways of the flesh. That was how He dealt with Israel. He chose Abraham, and of Abraham's issue through the godly Isaac line. But now out of **every kindred, tribe and nation He has purposed a new creation** (*Rev. 5:9-10*). **He is the first of that creation. He was God created in the form of man. Now by His Spirit He is creating many Sons unto Himself. God the creator, creating Himself a part of His creation.**

This is the true revelation of God. This was His purpose. This purpose took form through election. That is why He could look right down to the last age when all would be over and see Himself still in the midst of the church, **as author of this New Creation of God.** His Sovereign power brought it to pass. By His own decree **He elected the members of this New Creation.** He predestinated them to the adoption of children according to the good pleasure of His will (*Eph. 1:5*). By His omniscience and omnipotence He brought it to pass. How else could He know that He would be standing in the midst of the church receiving glory from His brethren if He did not make sure? All things He knew, and all things He worked out **according to what He knew** in order that His purpose and good pleasure be brought to pass.

Ephesians 1:11, "In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will."

Hallelujah! Aren't you glad that you belong to Him! ^[1]

I've seen critics stand off and make fun, and carry on, of a Holy Ghost revival. And after while, God get ahold of that same man and change him, and here he stands right in the pulpit preaching the same thing that he once hated. It's a paradox, how that God can take the unbeliever and make a believer out of him.

There's no one can explain it. But it's a paradox, because it's a miracle of God. When a man is changed from the person that he is **to a new creature in Christ Jesus, he becomes a new creation. He's no more what he used to be**

(Gal. 6:15-16). **He's absolutely a new creation in Christ.** ^[2]

If there's anything that'll make the church walk right, do right, show itself, **is the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire (Matt. 3:7-12) coming down from God out of heaven will straighten the church out**, not a fuss about this or a fuss about that, **but a baptism of the fiery love of God that comes down and sweeps the things out of your heart (Rom. 5:3-5), makes you a new creature in Christ Jesus.** Women will let their hair grow out and men will quit smoking cigarettes, and I tell you... And all these things will straighten out, if you just get the fire down on them. True. (Eph. 4:22-24). ^[3]

When God made the first man, He made the heavens and earth, and when God stood back on the old creation and looked upon it, He didn't look upon it to judge it. He looked upon it, said, "How good it is." He admired it. Oh, my. You see it? He looked and seen how good it was. Everything was perfect, the trees and everything, the man and the woman, it was all perfect. He said, "It's very good." (Gen. 1:31). But now, Satan perverted that.

But if God could not condemn His first creation, how much more is it impossible for Him to condemn His second creation, when you are created anew in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:14-17). You can't do it yourself. No matter how much you want to, you can't do it. **It's a gift of God.** "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him (John 6:44). And all that comes to Me, I'll give Him Everlasting Life and will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:39-40).

And when God has born you anew by the Holy Spirit, He can only look upon you as a perfect work, 'cause He did it Himself (John 3:1-8). Glory. Amen. Amen. **He can't condemn you, for you are His workmanship (Eph. 2:10).** Amen. Oh, my. I feel like shouting like the Methodist. Think of it, you are God's workmanship. He did it by how? Sovereign grace. Not because you jumped, not because you went to church, not because you turned a new page, **but because God by His mercy, brought you into Christ and to fellowship (I John 1:5-7), and looks upon you as a perfect work of His own.** Why? "I brought him; I presented him to the blood, and there's nothing wrong with My work," He said. You are God's workmanship. ^[4]

He had started a new creation. What was it? **A creation of Himself.** God was made flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). The Bible said, "In the beginning of the creation of God..." **God was created in human form; in Jesus Christ, His Son, God dwelt.** He built His tabernacle of flesh and bones, and lived in that tabernacle: God, Emmanuel, "God with us." (Matt. 1:21-23). **He built Himself a house to live in it, so He could reflect His Word to His subjects through that. You know what God is when you see Christ.** ^[5]

Before the foundation of the world his Name's put on the Lamb's Book of

Life. Then from that He become the **Word, the theophany**, that could appear, disappear; and then He become flesh and returned back again, resurrected that same body in a glorified condition. But you bypassed the theophany and become flesh-man to be tempted by sin. And then "if this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have one already waiting" (*II Cor. 5:1*). We have not yet the bodies. But look, when this body receives the Spirit of God, the Immortal Life inside of you, it throws this body in subjection to God (*Rom. 8:11*). Hallelujah.

"He that's born of God doth not commit sin; he cannot sin" (*I John 3:9*). "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus; **they walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit**" (*Rom. 8:1*). **There you are.** See, that throws your body subject. You don't have to say, "Oh, if I could just quit drinking, if I could just..." **Just get in Christ; it's all gone. Because your body is subject to the Spirit, it's no more subject to the things of the world; they're dead.** They are dead; your sins are buried in baptism (*Rom. 6:3-4*); and you are a new creation in Christ. And your body becoming subject to the Spirit, **try to live a right kind of life...**

Like you women claiming you got Holy Ghost and going out here and wearing shorts and things, how could you do it? How could the Spirit of God in you ever let you do such a thing as that? It just can't be so. Certainly it can't be. **He's not a filthy spirit; He's a holy Spirit.**

And then when you become subject to that Spirit, it throws your whole being subject to that Spirit. And **that Spirit is nothing in the world but this Seed Word made manifest, or quickened (Hallelujah.), made alive.** And when the Bible said, "Don't do this," that body quickly turns to it; there's no question. And what is it? **It's the earnest of the resurrection** (*Eph. 1:13-14; II Cor. 1:21-22*). **This body will be raised up again, because it's already started.** It was once subject to sin, and mire, and corruption, but now it's got the earnest; **it's turned heavenly** (*Rom. 6:15-19*). **Now, that's the earnest that you're going in the rapture. It's the earnest.**

A sick person laying dying, nothing left but death, that's all can happen. I've seen the shadows of people done eat up with cancer and tuberculosis, and see them persons a little while after that perfectly normal and strong. **If there is no Divine healing then there's no resurrection, 'cause Divine healing is the earnest of the resurrection. Amen.**

You know what the earnest money is don't you? It's the down payment. "*He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we're healed*" (*I Pet. 2:21-25*).^[6]

You are then not yourself; **you are a new creature**, for the Greek there means "a new creation." **You've been recreated again.** The power of God comes upon you, **and you become created, a new creature** (*Titus 3:4-7*); **which brings the whole physical being, spiritual being and everything, in subject to the Word of God, not no other way.**

How can you say that you're a Christian, and disobey His Word in one thing?

Let us take a look at those faithful ones at Pentecost. They were all in the upper room there, and they was all scared. They had the title, all right, but they were afraid. And all at once there came a sound from heaven (**the abstract sent down to them**) like a rushing mighty wind, filled all the house where they were setting (*Acts 2:1-13*). And **they were so quickened by That, till all their cowardliness they were...** One of them was even afraid, they even denied he wasn't a Pharisee yet, or he wasn't a Sadducee yet (*Luke 22:54-62*). **But when that Holy Ghost fell and baptized him into Jesus Christ** (*I Cor. 12:13*), he became flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone, Word of His Word (*Eph. 5:30-32*). **He was a new creation. He was a new person.** It quickened his body.^[7]

Then a new creation, not to a denomination, but to the Word. You're a creation of the Word. Because the foundation stone was laid in you before the foundation of the world, predestinated to be sons and daughters of God.^[8]

You'll never know Christ by theology. You'll never know Christ by education. **You've got to know Christ by personal experience to be borned again of His Spirit that comes down and changes your life and makes you a new creature in Christ Jesus;** that's what does the difference. **That's what makes the difference of you.** Now, that's the reason we have so many different denominations and theories.^[9]

When Christianity is not a mimic; **it's a life. Christianity comes by a birth that when you're borned again of the Spirit of God** and become a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things are passed away and all things become new (*II Cor. 5:17*). Watch.^[10]

Let me tell you; just don't join church now. That won't work. **You've got to be borned again,** not an emotional workup, not some little something you said, "Well, I shouted. I spoke with tongues. I done this, that, or the other." **When really down in your heart, Something comes to change you, and you become a new creature in Christ Jesus, you receive the Person, Christ Jesus, when old things die out, and new things are borned again; you make things right, that you did wrong; you love your enemies; you pray for those who despitefully use you** (*Luke 6:27-31*). **That's when you're a Christian** (*Matt. 5:43-48*). The tree's known by the fruit it bears (*Matt. 7:15-20*).^[11]

Oh, do not be deceived. Then the devil has another way. We just have a moment left for this. The devil has another way to pervert, besides saying... You say, "Well, I don't drink, Brother Branham. I don't smoke. I don't gamble. I wouldn't run out on my husband, or my wife. I live a good life." But the devil

has perverted that. **He lets you think to satisfy your guilty conscience, that you go join a church, and you're all right.** That's wrong. That's perverting.

You can't get satisfaction by joining a church. You only become mental. It's an intellectual affair. **But you'll never be satisfied until you know Him, as the forgiveness of your sins, where the sin question is settled, and you have that lovely, peaceful, quiet, eternal, everlasting fellowship with Him,** when the peace of God that passes all understanding has sanctified your soul, and has made you a new creature in Christ Jesus (*Phil. 4:6-7*).^[12]

And that's right, friends. Riches is not measured out by dollars. Riches is not measured out by big names and popularity. **Riches is when the Kingdom of God has come into the human heart** (*Rom. 14:17-18; Luke 17:20-21*), **changed his emotions, and made him a new creature in Christ Jesus, and give him Eternal Life** (*John 5:24*). **That's the richest thing on earth.**

Are you poor in this world's goods? You don't even know how you're going to pay the coal bill or the oil bill, or whatevermore? You may be that way; I hope you're not. But if it's so that you are that way, you can leave this building tonight the happiest poor man there is on the earth. You can leave here tonight with riches that no money could ever buy. You can unite your heart with Christ Jesus, **and He can come into your soul and take the control room.** And no matter what comes or goes, **you'll be happy the rest of your days.**^[13]

Don't you rely upon any system, any sensation, any ism. You get with God, and God alone. **Get there till your life is changed and you become a new creature in Christ.** God will take care of the rest of it. If He wants you to do anything, you're on speaking terms with Him then. **He'll tell you.**^[14]

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