



Anyone who has studied Scripture, or lived with humanity, cannot help but be struck by the **perpetual human need to begin again, to repent and redo, to be restored and refreshed, especially as regards relationship with their Maker.** The Bible reveals God as a Creator Who works and cares for His creation and His creatures like a benevolent Father, a loving Husband, a faithful Brother, a pure Spirit. God's creative work and continuing Providence blesses humanity with multiplied, cyclical opportunities for newness: day & night, week & Sabbath, month & new moon, year & season, sowing & reaping, Jubilee & remission, new generations, sacrifice & blessing, giving & receiving, failing & succeeding, sinning & repenting, dying & living again. The LORD perpetually seeks to guide fallen humanity homeward; the broken toward healing, the unclean toward cleansing, the doubtful toward faith, the blind toward sight, the needy toward bounty, the transgressor toward forgiveness, and the dead toward new life. **Jesus is the preeminent example of how God's works and words remind creation about, and call them to, new beginnings.**

Re – Creation

New Creation
New Heavens & Earth

individually,
nationally,
universally

Creator affected the whole earth

Genesis

"I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind..."

Joel & Prophets

Re-Creator influences the whole world

(This is why the gospel is "to all creation" Mk 16:15
and "make disciples of all the nations" Mt 28:18-20)

"NEW"

wine, grain, moon, song,
house, wineskins, strength,
heavens & earth,
thing, heart, spirit,
garment, teaching, lump,
creature, creation, self, man,
covenant, way, name,
commandment,
'all things **new'**

Everything was new & different:

After Day One Gen 1:1-5

After the Flood 8,9

After the Scattering 11:8,9

After the Exodus Ex 12-17

After the Invasion & Conquest Jos 13-24

After Return from Captivity Ezra, Neh, Hag, Zech

(and yet not 'new & different' enough!)

The Prophets continued to promise:

The 'new & different' was coming

(Joel 2:18-3:21)
Hosea 2:14-23
Amos 9:8-15
Micah 4:1-8 ; 5:1-5a
Zephaniah 3:8-20
Isaiah 4
9:1-7 ; 11 ; 12
24-27
32,35
42-66

God would reveal Himself

**And breathe new life
Into His creation**
Ezekiel 37

Creating a new ‘**BEGINNING**
for God + humanity
Isaiah 62

- “**Christianity**”
 - was and is intended to
 - **Re-CREATE** fallen humanity
 - into **appropriate companions for God**,
 - to **reconcile** the estranged,
 - to **unite** the scattered,
 - to **breathe** “**life**” into the dead,
 - to **bring peace** out of conflict,
 - to provide **real hope**,
 - and to manifest **God** to all.
 - →GOOD NEWS!

Creation
Covenant
Christ
Christians

John 3:1-12
"You must be born again" (re-created)
- spirit influence -
"Are you the teacher of Israel
and you do not understand this?"
3:9,10
(How can you witness creation,
read the Scripture, listen to the Prophets,
observe the work of God
and NOT know that the whole creation
needed new LIFE from God?)
(20:19-23)

faith
hope
love

Re-creation Covenant Christ

Good news!

Revelation 21:1-7

- commitment -

Revelation 22:7-14

& sharing...

Revelation 22:16,17
