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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 beneficent 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.**

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**Re – Creation**

New Creation  
New Heavens & Earth

individually,  
nationally,  
universally

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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)

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**"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**'

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**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**

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(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

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God would reveal Himself

**And breathe new life  
 Into His creation**

Ezekiel 37

Creating a new **'Beginning'**  
 for God + humanity

Isaiah 62

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- **“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!

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**Creation  
Covenant  
Christ  
Christians**

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**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)**

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**faith  
hope  
love**

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**Re-creation**  
**Covenant**  
**Christ**

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**Good news!**  
Revelation 21:1-7

- commitment -  
Revelation 22:7-14

& sharing...  
Revelation 22:16,17

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