

## THE TWO CREATIONS

If anyone has ever watched the movie, “Jesus Of Nazareth”, you may recall a (fictional) scene where Barabbas comes to Jesus privately and offers Him the services of himself and his fellow “Zealots” in the *overthrow* of Roman injustice and tyranny. Barabbas recognizes the supernatural power that Jesus moves in, and he assumes that the Lord will soon begin to use that power to overthrow the Roman government, which is enslaving and murdering his fellow Jews.

But he soon learns that Jesus has no intention of using His power to free the Jews from Rome. Instead, the Lord tells Barabbas to “love” his enemies and “forgive” them. Barabbas is stunned and shocked. “*Forgive*”, he says with an anguished look? Then he rattles off a list of cruel injustices done to the Jews. “*Surely you don’t mean that we should forgive all these crimes*”, he says? Jesus’ answer to him is “Yes”. Then He tells Barabbas that the Kingdom of God cannot be built on violence and bloodshed. It must be built on a different set of principles. He assures Barabbas that once the kingdom has come, all wrongs will be made right; there will be no more injustice for the Jewish people; no more crying; no more mourning. But Barabbas can’t accept what Jesus tells him. As he walks away, he says: “*But while we wait for that day to come, our people mourn and are butchered*”.

In the movie, Barabbas is a Patriot. He is a man of action; he is a man with a keen sense of justice. He can’t just sit idly by and watch all the injustice of the Roman government. That scene is very pertinent to the situation we will be facing soon, as the world’s hatred of believers reaches the point of no return. While it might still be culturally acceptable to be a “Christian” of the Rick Warren variety, *true* Christians are about to experience real persecution in this country, just like they are already experiencing it all over the world. Soon it will become clear beyond all doubt that the leaders of our government, along with the fascists media establishment, have every intention of silencing us *permanently*. At that point, we will all be faced with the same choice Barabbas was faced with in the movie.

The Dominionists I spoke of last week have *already* made their choice. They are going to fight to overthrow the tyranny of the Beast Government. Right now, that fight is a *political* fight. They are trying to win through politics. But the political arena will soon be a *dead end* for them. The majority of the American people are (I believe) going to elect a *racist*, Muslim, Communist criminal as the next President of the United States. They will also (I believe) elect an overwhelmingly *Democratic* House and Senate when those elections take place; and the result will be exactly the reverse of what happened 8 years ago with George Bush.

Bush claimed to be a conservative but he was really a Globalist Liberal. Obama claims to be a liberal but he is really a Globalist Communist—and strangely enough, he’s a Communist who hates the White race. I guess he *forgets* that Communism was started by two “*white*” men—Lenin and Marx. George Bush never used the power he had with a Republican dominated House and Senate to advance the conservative cause because *neither* he or they are real conservatives. But this is not the case with Obama. He and his friends are genuine radical leftists, and they will use every bit of power they get to *complete the transformation* of this nation into a Socialist Police State that favors Islam. In the near future, if the government doesn’t declare Martial Law in order to pre-empt it, I believe there will be a civil war, and/or a race war in this country because when the political option is no longer available, those who are desperate to save “*their world*” will take up arms and fight to save it.

You all remember the article I discussed last week by Flip Benham? Well, as I was browsing through Mr. Benham's site, I noticed that he made reference to another article about Sarah Palin, from another writer, that was more of a rant against the *Egalitarian View* than it was against Palin herself. The name of the article was, "*Palin And America's Manhood Deficiency*". The writer's name was Pastor Matt Trehwella.

It turns out that Matt Trehwella is an affiliate of Mr. Benham. He runs his own anti-abortion ministry called, "Missionaries To The Unborn". Apparently some other friends of Benham didn't agree with what Trehwella wrote, and they took issue with it. Since all three of these guys are Benham's associates, he decided to put the two responses to Trehwella's article on his site. Under the heading: "*Sarah Palin's Candidacy – Another Point of View*", this is what Benham writes:

"As you all know Mike Warren and Jerry Crawford are powerful warriors for King Jesus in the streets of Rochester. Here is their response to Matt Trehwella's article and their thoughts concerning Sarah Palin's candidacy. Note: **Matt's article concerning Sarah Palin is an illustration of a strict complimentary point of view** (men and women are equal in value but different in function – husbands love and wives submit). **The complimentary view is the only biblical view** but there are a few variations where scholars disagree i.e., men are to be the head in both family and church government, but not necessarily civil government. **We will leave the egalitarian point of view** (men and women are co equals in value and role – no differences) **for what it is – not biblical and reducto ad absurdum. This point of view makes sense only in liberal or apostate churches or in those that are progressively moving toward apostasy.**"

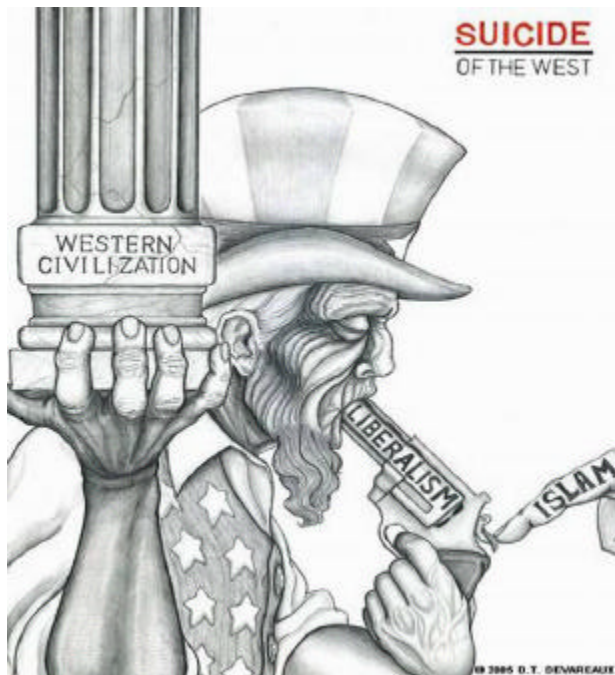
So be warned: even though I am not exactly an Egalitarian, I would certainly be close enough to that position in Mr Benham's eyes to be considered as "progressively moving towards apostasy". I'm not going to talk about Egalitarianism and Patriarchy tonight, so don't worry. I bring this up to make a point. Patriarchal teachers, authors and bloggers have quoted from, or promoted, the article Trehwella wrote without really knowing anything about him, except that he is a "pastor". The fact is, Matt Trehwella is a pastor who believes that at some point, Christians and patriots will have to take up arms against the government of the United States. He is part of the Militia Movement, both locally and nation-wide. He formed a militia unit from his small congregation and trains them how to use fire arms. He has spoken at militia conventions, endorsed and distributed militia training manuals, and he also signed a statement, along with other radical anti-abortionists, that *murdering* abortion doctors was justifiable homicide.

In other words, this champion of Patriarchy is living in the *first* creation, and he's willing to go to war and kill other Americans to *protect* that creation. He's a modern version of Barabbas—a Patriot; a man of action; a man who has a keen sense of justice; a man who believes it's okay to kill abortion doctors; and a man who believes it's okay to kill American officials in order to save *his world*.

My point is this: in the coming months and years, we are going to see extremely unjust and wicked things in this nation. Once a radical, left-wing *super majority* takes the reigns of power, *our world* of even minimal liberty and morality will end. Things like what you see happening in California—where they just passed a law requiring 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to witness *live* homosexual demonstrations—will become mandatory in all 50 States. "Hate Crimes" laws—which protect and enthrone homosexuality—will be

passed at the Federal level. People think America has reached the bottom, morally and socially, but it hasn't. We have just reached the top of the sewer hole. The lid of that sewer is about to come off and this nation is going to descend into a pit of wickedness so dark, your mind can't even imagine it at this point.

In addition, laws will be passed which protect and enthrone *Islam*. Most Christians simply do not realize that the radical left in this country has made a calculated decision to team up with Islamic radicals in order to overthrow and destroy Capitalism and Democracy. These people are literally demon-possessed and they have become suicidal psychopaths. Once in power, they will do exactly what the United Nations recently did—they will make it a *crime* to say anything negative about Islam.



I saw a cartoon the other day that perfectly describes the situation we are facing in this country, politically speaking, with regards to these radical liberals and communists. Unfortunately, I can't post graphics here in PalTalk, but I'll include it in the notes.

It's a side shot of Uncle Sam. His right hand is holding a pillar with an inscription: "Western Civilization". His left hand is holding a pistol. He has the barrel of the gun in his mouth, and his finger is on the trigger, like he is about to commit suicide.

On the barrel of the revolver in the inscription: "Liberalism". At the right hand edge of the cartoon, a finger is pulling back the hammer of the gun for Uncle Sam, helping him to commit suicide. On the finger is the inscription: "Islam".

The title of the cartoon is: "*The Suicide Of The West*". It's interesting how these cartoonists can capture the entire political situation in a single graphic because that is precisely what is happening. I put an article up on my original web site over a year ago, warning that America will become an Islamic nation in the not too distant future. People laughed at me, but you will see precisely what I predicted, come to pass.

Sometimes I think Christians don't use the brains God gave them. You all do understand that the United Nations *is* the political, economic and religious *framework* of the final Beast Government, don't you? Well, that government just made Islam its *official* religion by making it illegal to talk against it. It's not a crime to talk against Christianity, or Buddhism, or Hinduism, or Voodoo or any other religion—only Islam. The final, global government of Antichrist is turning out to be a combination of Communism, Fascism and Islam. Maybe that's why, when Daniel saw this beast in a vision, he described the following way:

*After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, **dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly**; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten*

*horns....Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, **which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful**, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet....Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, **which shall be diverse from all kingdoms**, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.*

*Daniel 7:7; 19; 23*

This last world empire is going to be *different* from all the others empires in history. It's going to more "dreadful" and "terrible" than any other empire we have seen in the history of this planet—and let me tell you, there have been some pretty terrifying empires on this earth. A Communist, Fascist, Islamic world empire is the only *kind* of empire that can fit Daniel's description.

Personally, I believe Democracy and Capitalism are finished.

As injustice and wickedness increases in the next few years, you're going to be shocked at how many of your fellow Christians are willing to take up arms and murder others in order to save what's left of *their world*. But any one who is even tempted to rise up and fight in the natural to save this first-creation, reveals that they have *no idea* why Jesus came. They have no idea what the second creation or the second Adam is all about. They might as well be a Jew living under the Old Covenant.

There is such a vast difference between the two creations; but most of today's Christians really don't understand this difference. They think they do; they talk like they do; but they don't. You can see that they don't because they continue to *pursue* the first creation. They continue to live according to the laws, the wisdom, the social order, and the principles of the first creation, and they are willing to kill to save that first creation. In short, they are trying to *sanctify* the first creation so God will bless it and prolong it.

I just spent *five* chat sessions describing the difference between the first creation and the second creation with regards to one specific area—the place of women. The Patriarchal social order, which so many religious leaders and teachers are confident is God's divine order, is actually part of the *first* creation. Patriarchy is not, has never been, and never will be, part of the *second* creation, regardless of how many male religious leaders claim it is. These people are *blind* to the true nature of the second creation.

Another example is the *structure* of the Religious System, which has always been based on the separation of the clergy and the laity, and the exaltation of the clergy *over* the laity. As I brought out in one of the other sessions, Jesus turned the first creation on it's head when he told His disciples that they were not to walk as the rulers of the nations walked. They were to lead by example; they were to be servants; they were never to demand submission and obedience from God's people or exercise authority over (ie: lord it over) them. What is the Religious System if not precisely all these things? So, what you have in the Religious System are people who *talk* about the second creation, but who *live* in the first creation.

The difference between the two creations goes far beyond the question of the woman's place in that creation, or the fact that those in the Religious System end up living in the first creation. Our understanding (*or lack of understanding*) of how radically different these two creations are, impacts *every* area of our lives and our theology.

*And so it is written, **The first man Adam** was made a living soul; **the last Adam** was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. **The first man** is of the earth, earthy: **the second man** is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

*I. Corinthians 15:45-50*

When speaking about the resurrection, the apostle Paul talked about the “first” Adam and the “last” Adam; and about the “first” man and the “second” man. He was not just talking about the individual named Adam and the individual named Christ. What he was talking about was the first “*human race*” and the second “*human race*”. Adam was the head of the first human race; Jesus Christ is the head of the second human race. God, the Father, is creating a *whole new race* of people through Christ. This new race will be *human*, but it will not be human in the way the first race was human. It will be human like *Jesus* was human. This is what Paul means when he says the first man was of the earth, so the first human race bears the image of the earthy. The second man is from heaven, so the second human race will bear the image of the heavenly. Two completely different races!

The first and the most obvious difference between the two creations is that the first one was created male *and* female. The only way to duplicate (or propagate) the first human race was through *physical* child birth; and of course, it takes a male and a female to produce a child. Regardless of how spiritual or obedient Adam and Eve were, they were only *living souls*, not *life giving* (ie: quickening) spirits. They could only duplicate the first creation through the laws and principles of the first creation.

The second creation is completely different. It is not duplicated (or propagated) by any kind of physical means. Therefore, it is not male and female. Indeed, there is no male and female, with regards to sexuality and reproduction, in the second creation. This creation (ie: human race) is replicated through the laws and principles of the second creation because the head of this new race is a life giving Spirit.

The next difference comes out of the first one. In the first creation, all of our family loyalties, all of our family duties, all of our family ties, our family heritage and genealogy, everything related to family, comes from our *natural* birth.

In the second creation, all this is *radically* changed. We are born into a new family—a spiritual family—and many times our natural family are not even part of this new family. So right away there is a question regarding how we are to relate to our natural and spiritual families. The answer for most Christians is simple. The first creation family *remains* first in their lives, and the second creation family comes second.

Since Jesus is the last Adam and the second man, and since He is the head of this new creation, we can be sure that He is *also* the standard and the plumb line, as far as defining what it means to live and walk in the new creation—which Paul calls a “new creature” (*II. Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15*) and the “new man” (*Eph. 2:15 & 4:24; Col. 3:10*). Look at what the Lord said about first-creation relationships.

*While he [Jesus] yet talked to the people, behold, **his mother and his brethren** stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee*

*Matthew 12:46-47*

Let's stop right here for a moment and think about what we are reading. If you were in a home meeting somewhere, and you were ministering to a room full of believers, and all of a sudden your *entire* family showed up at the door and asked to see you for a minute—what would you do? I can tell you right now what the vast majority of today's Christians would *not* do. They would *not* do what Jesus did because they are living in the first creation, and as such, their *natural* family comes first, before their spiritual family. They would stop ministering to their spiritual family and go talk to their natural family.

*But he answered and said unto him that told him, **Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?** And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, **Behold my mother and my brethren!** For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*

*Matthew 12:48-50*

People try and figure out why Jesus' family came to see Him but that isn't important, since the Lord's words were *not* directed to them, and quite probably they never even heard His response. Rather, the lesson here is what the Lord said to the man who interrupted Him and told Him His family had come to see Him. What that individual was saying to Jesus was that natural family relationships are *more important* than obedience to God. He was telling Jesus to *stop* teaching, to *stop* obeying the Father's will at that moment, and give place to the demand of family relationships.

Jesus saw that in this man's mind, natural family took precedence over spiritual family. Natural family took precedence over the work of the kingdom. So Jesus exposes his first-creation mind-set and asks: "*Who is my mother? and who are my brethren*"? Then He pointed to His disciples—not to the crowd, but to the disciples—and said: "*Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother*". I'll tell you something my friends: it's been 2000 years and God's people still don't understand what Jesus said. They have no more understanding of what He meant by those words than the Jews did that day.

Jesus was not denying His natural relationships. He was simply telling this person that those relationships must be subservient to our relationship to God. He was putting them in their proper place in the *second* creation. Obedience to God *first*; loyalty to God *first*; love for God *first*; family duties and relationships second. Today's Christians have it all backwards because they are living in the first creation.

What Jesus was also saying to that man was this: "*Anyone who loves my Father and is doing His will, even though they are not part of my natural family, nevertheless, they are just as important to me as my natural family*". This is the view of the second Adam; this is the view of the head of the new creation; and this will be the view of anyone who is living and walking in that new creation.

In the new creation, your spiritual family is just as important to you as your natural family. For the unsaved person, this kind of attitude is inconceivable. It's the most ridiculous way to view family you could possibly think of—and the truth is, most *Christians* would agree. Very few believers will ever even understand what the Lord said, let alone walk in it, because His words reflect a reality that is *utterly foreign* to everything around us, both in our secular world and in our church culture.

Of course, you would expect them to be foreign to the world, since the first creation is all the world knows. But it should not be foreign to the Church. We Christians are supposed to be living in the *new* creation. We are supposed to be walking the way Jesus walked. We are to be viewing the things of this life the way He viewed them, and that includes family relationships. But the fact is, when it comes to family, most Christians are no different than the world.

*And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

*Luke 9: 59-62*

Here is another example of the difference between the person who walks in Adam and the one who walks in Christ. In this passage we have two would-be disciples of Jesus. The first one is called by the Lord; the second one volunteers his service. Both of them are living in the *first* creation, so for them, family loyalties, relationships and responsibilities are the same as those of the world.

The first man wants to fulfil his proper, first-creation duty as a son, and display his proper, first creation loyalty to his family, by burying his father before joining the disciples. Carrying out a family responsibility like burying a father is certainly not wrong. Yet in *this instance* the Lord knew that fulfilling a proper family duty—even one as necessary as burying one's father—would have kept this man from following Him. So He told him to let the (spiritually) dead bury the (physically) dead and follow Him.

Again, let's stop right here for a moment and *think* about what we are reading. If Jesus asked you to take a trip to another town for a few weeks to minister there, and the night before you were supposed to leave your father died, would you be able to leave as planned and let the rest of the family take care of the burial, if the Lord asked you to do so? How many think they are in a place where they could *hear* the Lord give them such instructions? Or would you be spiritually deaf as a result of *assuming* that God would never ask you to do such an irresponsible and unkind thing—just like most of today's Christians are spiritually deaf because they assume Jesus would never ask *them* to do such a thing?

Was Jesus just being *callous* when He told that man to "...let the dead bury the dead"? Or do you think He might have said what He did because He was walking in the new creation, as opposed to walking in the old creation, and that such a walk gave Him a different perspective on the situation? What seems harsh to the one who walks in the old creation, may actually be a *manifestation of love* from the one who is walking in the new creation. What Jesus said to that man, He said for his eternal good. It was not harsh.

What would have been harsh, is if the Lord would have let him return home to fulfill his proper first-creation duty, without saying what He did, knowing that if he went back he would *miss* the Kingdom of God. Are you beginning to see how vast the difference is between the two creations yet?

The second man wanted to go back home, put his house in order, and say farewell to the family. Again, this would be the responsible thing to do under normal circumstances. This is proper first-creation etiquette. Surely it is irresponsible for a family member to just up and disappear without a word. But since Jesus lived and walked in the new creation, His first concern for people was *not* their temporal comfort and happiness. His first concern was *not* that their families stayed together. His first concern was for their *eternal* good and their *eternal* safety.

Jesus might have seen that if the man went back and did the proper thing, he too would miss the kingdom. And it's not hard to imagine a scenario were once he returned to say good bye, his family would start putting him on a guilt trip, telling him how God would *never* lead him to forsake his family; and that God would *certainly* never tell him to run off with this strange Rabbi without even telling them where he was going! After all, isn't that what religious "cults" do? And it's also easy to imagine that guy caving into the pressure and staying. So Jesus tells him not to even go back and say farewell. Again, what seems cruel to those who are living in the old creation regarding family relationships, may actually be a *manifestation of love* from the one who is walking in the new creation.

And consider this: if you were to call a professional "deprogrammer" tonight, and tell him your son just left to follow some local religious leader without even saying good bye or telling his family where he was going, I guarantee you that deprogrammer would be *instantly convinced* the boy had just joined a "cult" and that he needed to be rescued. You see, we need come to grips with the fact that if Jesus came on the scene today, doing and saying the things He did 2000 years ago—especially regarding family relationships—the reaction of today's *Christian* religious leaders would be *the same* as the reaction of the *Jewish* religious leaders back then. By today's "Christian" standards, Jesus would be seen as an unloving, uncaring, fanatical, legalistic, anti-social, anti-family, *cult* leader.

Remember, it was in the context of family relationships that Jesus said: "*No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God*". He was not talking about backsliding or apostasy. He was talking about allowing our natural relationships to *interfere* with our spiritual walk. Yes, God has instituted family relationships, and they are not to be ignored or despised. However, they are to be kept in their proper place—and their proper place in the new creation is different than their proper place is in the old creation. In the second creation, that places is a place of *subservience* to our relationship to God. Jesus was saying that once we make a decision to follow Him, we must never allow any family relationship to *interfere* with our complete obedience to His will. If we do, then we are not fit for the Kingdom—and you can be sure that they *will* interfere, they *will* make us unfit for the kingdom, as long as we walk in the first creation. Listen to the words of the One who *is* that new creation:

*He that loveth father or mother **more** than me is **not worthy of me**: and he that loveth son or daughter **more** than me is **not worthy of me**.*

*Matthew 10:37*

*If any man come to me, **and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.***

*Luke 14:26*

No disciple of Jesus can love their natural family more than God. Jesus said we must *hate* these relationships—comparatively speaking. That is, when family duties and relationships begin to interfere with our obedience to God, we must deal with those relationships as *enemies*. When they begin to replace our love for Him, we must deal with those relationships as *enemies*. When they begin to steal our time with Him, we must deal with those relationships as *enemies*. If this seems too hard or foreign to us, it's only because we are not walking in the *second* creation regarding family relationships.

*And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And **every one that hath forsaken** houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, **or wife, or children**, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

*Matthew 19:28-29*

Please notice that Jesus condoned something that none of today's preachers would be caught dead condoning. He said any one who had *forsaken* family (brother, sister, mother, father, wife, children) would "inherit everlasting life". Now just think about *that* for a minute. This statement stands in direct opposition to all the *idolatry* that pervades today's Christian culture. Forsake a *wife* (ie: a spouse) to follow Christ? That's taboo, man! Christian leaders will tell you there is *never* an excuse to forsake your spouse. They will quote certain verses in the New Testament and then tell you quite sanctimoniously that it's your *Christian duty* to stay with that spouse and try to win him or her to Christ till the bitter end.

Sorry folks; that's *first creation* talk and *first creation* reasoning. Jesus shows in this passage that this whole mind-set has no place in the second creation. His statement reveals the stark contrast between the two creations, with regards to family relationships. Let me say this in the clearest possible way. If you are *truly* born again, if you are a genuine son or daughter of the Most High God, then your *first* responsibly, your *first* duty, your *first* loyalty is to God. Your first responsibility is *not* to your wife; nor is it to your husband; nor is it to your parents (if you are of age); nor is it to your children. Your first loyalty, duty and responsibility is to your heavenly Father, and to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is your head. It's Jesus who died for you, and it will be Jesus you stand before on the Judgment Day, to give an account of how you obeyed *Him* during your life. He won't judge you by how well you obeyed your husband, or by how well you obeyed religious leaders. He will judge you according to how well you obeyed *Him*. Did you put *Him first* in your life. Was He *before* all your family? Was He before all your goals and desires? Was He before your job? Was He before your hobbies and recreation? Was He before your money and your stuff? Was He before your own self -life and self-will? These are the questions you and I will be answering on Judgment Day. So we better be making our choices wisely today, while we are here on this earth.

Now, you may be wondering why I am spending so much time talking about family relationships. Well, one reason is because it's real easy to understand the message of death to self mentally, and talk about it, while never actually going down into that death. I know many people who can talk a real good talk about the need to die to self in order to come forth in Christ; but they are not walking the walk, especially when it comes to family. My view is that the person who can live and walk in the second creation regarding natural relationships is well on their way to attaining the prize because the most effective weapon Satan has to use against the one who has determined to embrace a life of death to self, are the ones who are closest to us in the natural. He will seek to use our unsaved husband, wife, parents or children (as well as *carnal Christian* husbands, wives, parents and children) to hinder us, and in some cases, destroy us spiritually. The issue of family relationships is serious business. It's one of those measuring sticks by which we can tell if we are really walking the walk, or if we are just talking the talk.

But, it's probably getting a little too hot in the kitchen right about now, so we'll move on. Another area we are affected by when we don't understand what the second creation is all about is eschatology, or things concerning the end. We touched on this last week when talking about the error of the Dominionists. Since Dominionists have no idea what the second creation is all about, they are frantically trying to save the first creation. It's almost comical, but the *logo* for that organization I mentioned last week—Operation Rescue /Operation Save America—is actually a Cross with the words: “*Jesus Is The Standard*”!



My question to all the Dominionists is this: Since we agree that Jesus is the standard, maybe you could show me where in the New Testament He engaged in the cultural war; or where He encouraged *us* to get involved in the culture war? Since Jesus is the standard, maybe you can point me to a place where he encouraged His disciples to get involved in the political process of Rome, so as to be a good influence on that government, and maybe help enact some laws that would be more pleasing to conservative Jews.

Since Jesus is the standard, maybe you can point me to a place where he encouraged his followers to join together with pagans and those in false religions in order to fight the cultural evils that were prevalent in that hour, like slavery. Since Jesus is the standard, please point me to *one* place—point me to one verse of Scripture in the entire New Testament—where He encouraged His followers to try and save this first creation, let alone take up arms and kill others to save it!

You can't—and the reason you can't is very simple: Jesus was not the least bit interested in saving or reforming the first creation because He knew it was *completely destroyed* the day Adam ate that fruit. He knew the only remedy was to establish a completely *new* creation. This is why the central message of the New Testament is *the revelation* of God's ultimate purpose—which is to bring forth an entirely new *race* of human beings that will still be human, but at the same time, much more than human.

The first creation was merely a prototype of what God was after. Even at its best, that first creation was not God's final goal—though it could have *become* what God intended if Adam would have simply continued to obey God. But God knew in advance that he would disobey. He knew in advance the first creation would be destroyed. And He already had the answer for this dilemma.

*Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

*II. Corinthians 5:17*

*For **in Christ Jesus** neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a **new creature**.*

*Galatians 6:15*

Since Jesus is the beginning of God's new creation, Paul tells believers that *if* they are "in Christ", then they are a "new creature"; all things are become new. In other words, all our first-creation experiences, all our first-creation relationships, all our first-creation ways of seeing things, all our first-creation way of doing things, all our first-creation goals, are supposed to become new. They are supposed to become *different*—and for many of those who have become believers, they do become different to a certain extent; but not completely. We still walk according to the old creation in many areas. But God is seeking a people who will make a *complete transition* from the old creation to the new creation. This is why Paul talked about the old man and the new man, and why he compared the two of them:

*That ye put off concerning the former conversation **the old man** [or the old creature], which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man [the new creature], which **after God** is **created** in righteousness and true holiness.*

*Ephesians 4:22-24*

*Lie not one to another, seeing that ye **have put off the old man** with his deeds; And **have put on the new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where **there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free**: but Christ is all, and in all.*

*Colossians 3:9-11*

*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**. There is **neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female**: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

*Galatians 3:27-28*

In order to show how different the first and the second creations are, Paul sums up the distinctions that are peculiar to the first creation. The "old man" is divided into *nationalities* (Greek, Barbarian, Scythian), into *social classes* (bond and free), into *genders* (male and female), and finally, into those who are *chosen* (circumcision, Jews) and those who are *not chosen* (uncircumcision, Gentiles). Then he says that none of these distinctions even exist in the new man—that is, *in Christ*. How can we accept that Paul really meant what he said? How can we take his words at face value when there seems to be such a contradiction between what he says is true of us, and what we must actually live with on a daily basis? After all, we *are*

still male and female. *We are* still Jew and Gentile. *We are* still different nationalities. Paul even admits these distinctions. For instance, when speaking of the Gentiles who had become believers, he continues to refer to them as “Gentiles” (*Acts 15:23; 21:25*). He also continues to recognize a distinction between believing men and women. So was Paul double-talking or what?

No. The apparent contradiction is solved when we understand that right now we are stuck in the old creation—or at least *part of us* is stuck there because our *bodies* have not yet been redeemed and changed. Since the body is still part of the old creation, we can't completely ignore every old creation distinction. Men are still male and they have certain characteristics which make them male. Women are still female and they have certain characteristic which make them female. However, our *spirits* have been changed; they have become part of the new creation.

The body is stuck in the *first* creation until resurrection day; but the spirit has already been brought into the *second* creation. So the issue is the *soul*—which consists of our minds, wills and emotions. Which creation will we (ie: our souls) choose to identify with? Which creation will we (ie: our souls) choose to follow? The first creation or the second creation? We still have a choice, you know. We can follow the life of the new creation man, or we can choose to follow the death of the old creation man. And you see, here is where things get tricky because we are not necessarily dealing with the issue of sin. There are many things that are part of the first creation which are not necessarily “*sinful*”. But they are part of the first creation, not the second creation.

This is why, when Christians ask dumb questions like—“*Is it a sin to go roller skating*”? Or “*Is it a sin to watch football or baseball*”? Or “*Is it as sin to watch clean movies*”?—it reveals that they really don't know what being a Christian is all about. The issue isn't, is it a sin? The issue is, is it part of the new creation”? Do you really think watching football and roller skating are part of the *second* creation and the second Adam? Well, if they're not part of the new creation, why would you want to waste your time doing things that have nothing to do with the new creation?

The answer is, people don't worry about learning how to live in new creation life because they just *assume* they will automatically get that life in heaven, after they die (or at the pre-trib rapture). They walk around with this assumption because this is what deluded pastors have been telling them for the past 200 years. I'm afraid these poor people are in for a very rude awakening when the Lord returns.

I won't get into the *no male or female part* of what Paul said, since I just spent over a month addressing that aspect of it. But notice he also said there is neither “Barbarian” or “Scythian” in Christ. This is a reference to *nationalities*. So in this area as well, we have a choice as to what creation we are going to *identify* with. In the first creation there is no choice. If I was born an Irishmen, then that is my permanent identity. But in the *new* creation, I am not an Irishmen (or even an *Irish Christian*). My identity in the new creation is Christ! I am part of Christ.

So every morning I have a choice to make. Do I view my self as an Irishmen (or an Irish Christian); or do I view my self as part of the body of Christ? Those who are walking in the second creation will not view themselves a particular nationality. Instead, they will view themselves as part of Christ, as part of a *new* family that is Christ's family; and a *new* culture that is Christ's kingdom culture.

This is why, even though I am an American citizen and would never deny that I was such, I do not *identify* myself or *view* myself as an American citizen. This is also why, even though my family line is German and English, I don't *view* myself as part German and part English. I see myself a citizen of God's heavenly kingdom, which will soon be established on this earth. And my "family" is not my unsaved grand parents and aunts and uncles and cousins (I don't have any brothers or sisters). My family are those who are doing God's will. My *identity* is not in the first creation; it's in the *second* creation.

I have to make these choices every day. I have to choose to identify with the new creation every morning when I roll out of bed. It's not a once-and-done deal, like water baptism. Paul said: "I die daily" (*I. Cor. 15:31*), and this is part of that daily death. Some day things will be different. One day, when the dust settles and God's plan has been fulfilled, our bodies will be changed. At that point, what we have chosen day in and day out will become manifest by what kind of body we receive.

But right now we are in this *transition* from the old creation to the new creation; from the old man to the new man; from the old identity to the new identity; from the old way of seeing and doing things to the new way of seeing and doing things. Right now, we must choose which creation we are going to identify with and have union with. This is what sanctification is about. In the realm of the soul, God has to move us from one creation to the other, so that *in the end* we will be a new race of humans in spirit, soul and body. One of the ways you can tell when you are around some one who is living and walking in the second creation is if they are doing what Paul admonished us to do:

*If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth.*

*Colossians 3:1-2*

*For our **citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Philippians 3:20 NKJ*

*For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but **those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit**. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be **spiritually minded** is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.*

*Romans 8:5-7 NKJ*

*So we **fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen**. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

*II. Corinthians 4:18 NIV*

Those who are living in the second creation will *seek* those things which are above. Those who are living in the second creation will *set their affection* on things above, not on things on the earth. Those who are living in the second creation will understand that their *citizenship* is in heaven, not in any earthly nation. Those who are living in the second creation fix their eyes on those things which are *unseen*, not on things which are seen. Those who are living in the second creation *mind* the things of the spirit, not the things of the earth, or the things of the flesh.

I've just touched on a few of the areas where there is a vast difference between the first and the second creation. I could probably make this another series, but I don't think I will. But I encourage you to do a fresh reading of the four Gospels with this reality in your minds. Look closely at how Jesus related to things like the Roman culture, or the family unit, or the place of money and wealth, and everything else that related to the first creation. What you find may surprise you.

Jesus came on the scene at the most turbulent time in Jewish history, but He didn't address the things that pertain to the first creation. His message was continually focused on the new creation. People would complain to Him about the political bondage they were in, and His only reply would be to address the spiritual bondage to sin that they were in.

The Jewish people were desperate to have a Messiah who would come and straighten the first creation out for them, and bring a blessing to that first creation. But Jesus would have none of it. His focus was always on the *second* creation. He was continually pointing the people to the *invisible things* of the Spirit. He was continually pointing them to *intangibles*, like forgiveness, righteousness, peace and joy. And the apostle Paul continued that same emphasis in his ministry.

So as we see the end of our world approaching, let's be determined to walk every minute of every day in the *new* creation. Let your life and your identity and your joy and your hope be in things above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Let's get our minds off of this earthly existence. The first creation is about to pass away forever. If that is where our life is, if that is where our joy is, we are going to be *empty* in the day of trouble. We will never be able to stand. Now is the time to learn how to walk in the second Adam; now is the time to learn how to live and move and have our being in the "new man".

Today is the day of salvation.

Tomorrow may be too late.