

“The New Heaven and the New Earth: The Basics” (Part 2)
Genesis 3:14-19; Deuteronomy 7:12-16; 8:1-20

*“The reconciliation won by Christ reaches to all **the alienations** that result from our sin; alienation from God, from ourselves, between persons, and between us and our physical environment. It involves the redemption of the physical universe from the effects of sin as everything is brought under its **proper headship in Jesus.**”*
(Howard Snyder)

*“Sin is both a **spiritual issue** and is an **anti-creational issue**, that is, it affects all creation. No aspect of creation is left untouched by sin. If we do not consider the multidimensional nature of sin we will not understand or **be in awe** of the multifaceted nature of salvation.”* (Micheal Vlach)

- The effects of sin: (Genesis 3:14-19)
 - Sin is an offense against God. God is worthy of worship and obedience (Psalm 51:4).
 - Sin brings devastating turmoil to the individual human person. Sin brings guilt, shame, fear, anguish, depression, destructive behaviors, uneasiness, inner conflict, and many other psychological problems. Sin also brought increased pain in childbearing and great frustration as man attempts to rule and subdue the earth.
 - Sin brings issues at the community level as it introduces tension, jealousy, and hatred among people. God instituted the Government to regulate evil in society (Romans 13:1-7). Sin occurs on a community and societal level.
 - Sin also affects creation both animals and the land and nature. Man was entrusted to steward and instead man destroys.
 - Creation suffers directly from human ill treatment of the land.
 - It indirectly suffers from human violence.
 - It languishes from the lack of proper stewardship.

- The extent of Jesus’ salvation:
 - Salvation in Jesus means reconciliation and restored relationship with God for the individual person.
 - Salvation in Jesus replaces the inner turmoil of guilt, shame, and fear with joy and peace.
 - Salvation in Jesus brings healing to human relationships. Christians are now able to love their neighbor as they should.
 - Salvation in Jesus will bring healing and peace to all creation including the earth, land, and all creatures.

- The Nation of Israel taught the world about the salvific work of Christ:
 - The Blessing of Israel’s worship pointed to the spiritual reign of the Messiah (Romans 9:4-5).
 - The Blessings Nationally pointed to the earthly reign of the Messiah.
 - The earth brought forth an abundance of crops.
 - Both animals and people fruitfully multiplied.
 - The land was free of sickness and disease.
 - The enemies of God were destroyed.
 - There was temporary obedience.

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of April, we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The goal of their ministry is to facilitate the advancement of indigenous missionaries throughout the world. Their strategy consists of four primary components: financial support, theological training, Scripture and literature distribution, and the supply of any tool necessary to facilitate the completion of the Great Commission. There is a container on the back table for monetary donations, or you can give on Venmo and make a note that it is for HeartCry.

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism service will be THIS Sunday, April 14th. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the other Elders.

★**MENS BREAKFAST:** Attention Men: The next Men's Breakfast will be THIS Saturday, April 13th, at 7am, at Big Apple Café — Log Pond.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, April 21st, from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.