

Christ the Savior Making All Things New
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Revelation 21:3-5a
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And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”







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I don't think we agree with God.

~~A Moment of Inspiration~~
An Awakening to Who You Are

The Creative Commission of humanity is to pursue the redemption and restoration of all things through the magnificent and the mundane parts of our everyday lives and vocation.

Every person is creative.

Part One: Genesis

Genesis 1:1-2
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

God said "Let there be [a new creation]"
And there was.
And God saw that [the new creation] was good.
And God took [the new creation] and put it to its God-given work.
And time passed.

Genesis 1:26-27
Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 1:27
So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

You are an image-bearer of God.

You are God's workmanship [Ephesians 2:10]
You are God's child [1 John 3:1]
The same spirit that raised christ from the dead is in you [Romans 8:11]

Genesis 1:28
God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground…"

Genesis 1:31
…God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1-3
Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

God's Creative Trademark

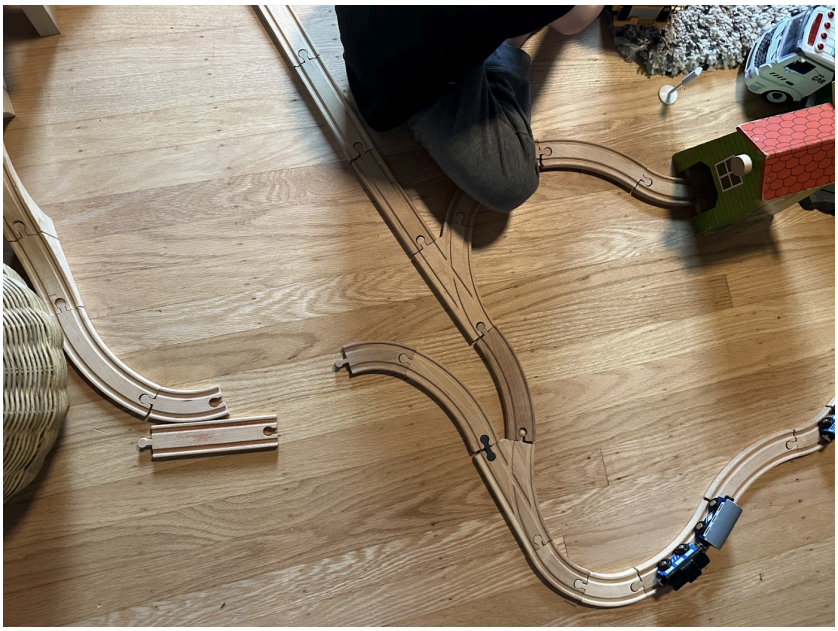
Ours is a story about a God who creates perfectly on his own, but insists on collaborating with us.

Because God is more interested in us living up to our Imago Dei, than He is in everything staying neat and tidy. He is more interested in our participation in his creation project than He is in the preservation of His perfectly sculpted world.











You. Yes, *you.*
God wants to fill you with His Spirit to
partner with him to make all things new.

– God is endlessly creative & endlessly powerful,
so with God, there is endless possibility.

– You are made in the image of the maker, created in the image of the creator. Made to make, created to create.
– God has made you like Him.
– God has blessed you.
– God has commissioned you.
– Therefore, because of the power of the Spirit of God that lives in you, and our commission as stewards and co-creators with God. Genesis 1 says that you have everything you need to join God in the family business.

Part Two: Stories of Renewal

Bezalel

Exodus 31:3
"I have filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills"

Exodus 36:1-2
"Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work."

In this story, what do we observe?
– The Lord imparts His Spirit, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, all kinds of skill, and the ability to know how to carry out the work that God commissions you to do.
– The Lord uses willing workers.

Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:3-4
He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"
I said, "Sovereign Lord, You alone know."
Then He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!'"

In this story, what do we observe?
– God asks us questions during the process about what we think is possible.
– God says "You do it" and stretches our imagination of what is possible, through the power of His Spirit.
– God uses us to heal, to bring dead things to life, and to give words of hope and a future.

Lazarus

John 11:21-22
"Lord, If you had been here, my brother would not have died. but I know that even now, God will give you whatever you ask."

John 11:26
"Do you believe this?"
"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe."

John 11:40
"Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

In this story, what do we observe?
– Faith as participation.
– Resurrection is born in an atmosphere of faith.
– Jesus enters into the humanity and emotion of the restoration project.
– Belief that leads to Revelation.

What do you see?
What do you want?
Who do you say that I am?
Do you believe?

Part Three: The End & the Beginning

"What you do in the present—by painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems,

caring for the needy, loving your neighbor as yourself—will last into God's future. These activities are not simply ways of making the present life a little less beastly, a little more bearable, until the day when we leave it behind altogether. They are part of what we may call building for God's kingdom."

- N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*

Everybody Makes

The Good News of Jesus is that His project isn't simply a rescue – it is also an invitation.

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Creativity isn't something that we learn, it's something we unlearn.



Reflection Questions:

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