



Behold, I make all things new

In this world, fear, despair, depression and burnouts are becoming more common. If you look at the number of suicides, we can conclude that there is an upward trend from 1950 2021 (CBS Statline). Who is behind this, can this be explained?

Question:

Does this world offer you hope?



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

– Christ Jesus, your Savior, in Matthew 11:28 – 30

You are living in a world that is being destroyed by deceptions, false Christs, wars, rumors of wars, nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, riots and all kinds of terrors. There will be great signs in heaven. These are all signs of the end of the world. (Matt. 24:3-8; Mark 13:3-8; Luke 21: 7-11).

Therefore, I want to tell you with all my love

that a period will come when all things will become new. The Bible, the Word of God, speaks of a period of rest and peace for all eternity. Isn't this a wonderful future perspective?

The Old Serpent

First of all, it is important to know who the prince of this world is. That is the old serpent, the devil, who is called Satan, but also

the father of lies (**John 8:44; 1 John 2:22**). When you know his character traits, you will understand why pain and sorrow exist. Scripture declares that he is a murderer and a sinner from the beginning (**1 John 3:8**). He does everything in his power to cause fear, despair, and depression to prevail in this world of which he is the temporary prince. The old serpent, the thief, comes only to

steal, and kill, and destroy.

The Lord Jesus came to seek that which was lost, and to destroy the old serpent, which had the power of death. He trusted in our Father in heaven, who seeks his lost children. He tries to win our hearts for Himself. (**1 Kings 8:58**), by giving His only begotten Son out of love. (**John 3:16**)

And again the Lord Jesus says: I will put my trust in him. And again: Behold I and the children whom God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he himself likewise took part of the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. – Hebrews 2:13-15

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly, says the Lord Jesus (**John 10:10**). The Lord Jesus also says: And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it comes to pass, ye may believe. I will not speak much more with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath no power over me. (**John 14:29-30**).

In short, the old serpent is the cause of worldwide pain, immorality and chaos. But the good news is that he has no power over the Lord Jesus, because the victory was won 2000 years ago on the cross of Golgotha.

We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. Wee know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true by being in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

– 1 John 5:19-20

The victory has already been achieved

At the return of the Lord Jesus the last enemy will be destroyed, that is death, which will be swallowed up in victory. (**1 Cor. 15:54**).

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death



is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

– 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

For those who believe in Jesus Christ, whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith (**1 John 5:4**).

Despite the earthly struggle, the believer has overcome the world, which is a great comfort.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

– Romans 8:31-32

The Lord Jesus wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one Mediator between God and people, the man Christ Jesus (**1 Tim. 2:4-5**). He wants to save every person with the precious and saving Gospel, which the apostle Paul was allowed to reveal briefly and powerfully in his letter to the Corinthians (**1 Cor. 15:1-4**).

You have been justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth to be a propitiation for you through faith in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness toward you, because in His forbearance He had passed over your past sins. (**Rom. 3:24-25**).

And this His command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love



one another as he commanded us.

– 1 John 3:23

Question: Are you willing to make it right with God the Father, by receiving His Son Jesus Christ as Savior, Lord and Redeemer, who gave His life for all your shortcomings, missteps, mistakes and sins, yet in Him there was no sin? (Isa. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:21-24; 1 John 3:5).

A new creation in Christ

The believer has become a new creation after his conversion, that is a great miracle. For me personally this is the greatest miracle I have ever experienced. The Lord does the following with your heart: A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within

you. I will take away the stony heart from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you (**1 John 14:23**). And I will cause you to walk in my statutes and you will keep my judgments and do them (**Ezek. 36:26-27**).

This the Bible calls the new birth, the rebirth (**Matt. 19:28; John 3:3; Tit. 3:5; 1 Pet. 1:3-4, 22-23**). Without the new birth, no one can be saved (**John 3:3**). Sadly, many nominal Christians in the world (**Titus 1:16**) are a bad example to unbelievers. These are nominal Christians who are not born again; they do not walk according to the new man. (**Eph. 4:17-32; Col. 3:5-17**).

The church is supposed to point people to the new birth, but a great many churches are failing in these last days just before His return (**2 Tim. 4:3-4**). The church institution

can cause great damage if it no longer functions as the Body of Christ (**Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 5:22-23; Col. 1:18, 24**).

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new (**2 Cor. 5:17**). Everything in you has become new; you no longer need to remember your old life. After conversion, you have become part of the new creation order, and then you belong to the firstfruits of His creatures. (**Jas. 1:18**).

The Lord Jesus began the new creation after He gave Himself on the cross, and shortly thereafter ascended to His Father, through which the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, could dwell in the believer (**1 John 16:7**). The believers, who have the first fruits of the Spirit (**Rom. 8:23**), have become the first part of that new creation. For according to His Word, the born again Christians expect the Millennial Kingdom, the new heaven and the new earth.

The eternal future with its promises that are in store for you

There are many beautiful promises, unfortunately I cannot name them all. I would like to list a few:

✔ The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed you with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ (**Eph. 1:3-6**). If you are in Christ, then your Maker has given you every blessing, let that sink in for a moment. This is mainly about eternal life, the peace and joy, which

you have obtained by grace. You have received a heavenly calling in Him. (**Heb. 3:1-6**).

✔ The believer is not appointed to wrath (**Rom. 5:9; 1 Thess. 1 9-10, 5:9-10; Rev. 3:10**), so there is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (**Rom. 8:1**). The great tribulation, which is coming upon the world (**Matt. 24:15-35**), will pass you by.

✔ After the great tribulation we expect a Millennial Kingdom of Peace (**Rev. 20:1-6**). For as the earth brings forth her herb, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations (**Isa. 61:11**). The wolf and the lamb will feed together, the lion will eat straw like the ox (**Isa. 65:25**), that is what the Millennial Kingdom will look like.

✔ At the end of the Millennium, the old serpent, the devil, will be destroyed. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever (**Rev. 20:10**). Because the old serpent is destroyed, pain, sorrow, and deception will never be anymore. And God shall wipe away all tears from your eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, neither crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away (**Rev. 21:4**).

✔ After the Millennium, there will be a new heaven and a new earth (**Rev. 21:22:1-5**). John wrote the following: And I saw a new

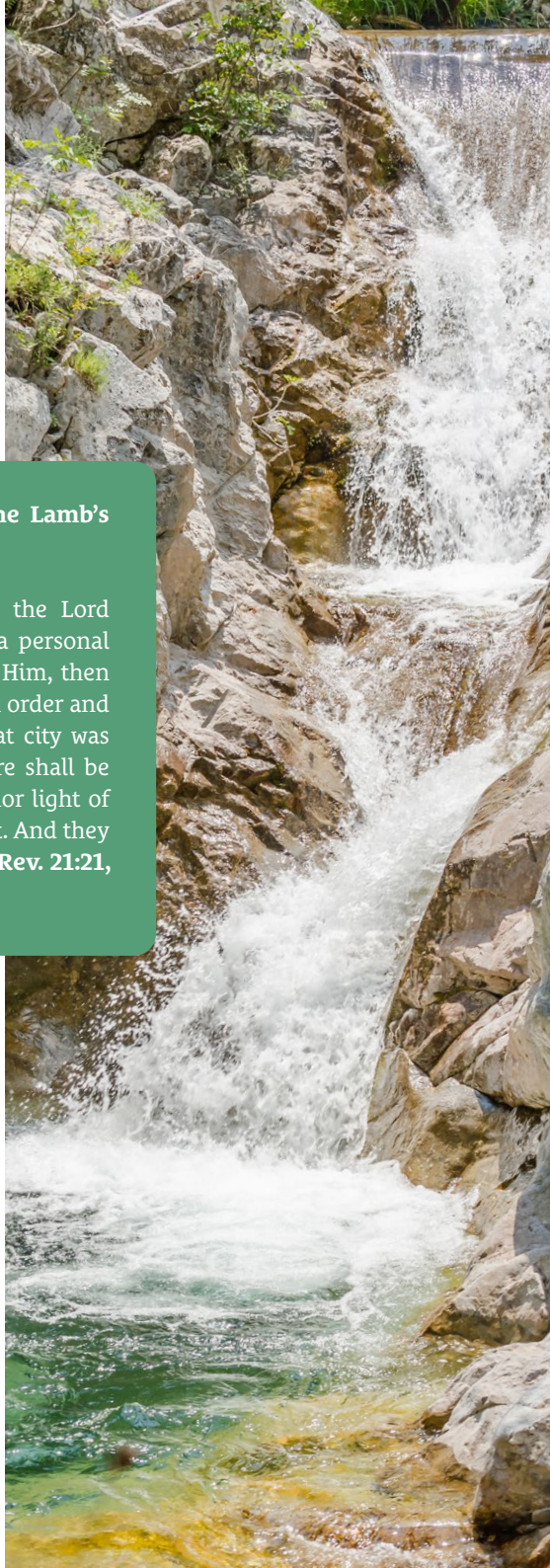
heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea (**Rev. 21:1**). The believer in Christ has already become part of the new and heavenly Jerusalem. Nothing unclean will enter it, nor will anyone who practices abominations and lies, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life (**Rev. 21:27**).

Question: Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life, right now?

You can provide for this by accepting the Lord Jesus as your Savior and entering into a personal relationship with Him. If you believe in Him, then you have become part of the new creation order and the new Jerusalem, and the street of that city was pure gold, as transparent glass, and there shall be no night there, and they need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign for ever and ever, says John (**Rev. 21:21, 22:5**). What a future awaits you then!

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and trustworthy. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To him that is thirsty I will give to drink of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

– Revelation 21:5-7



How Are You Saved?

The Simplicity of the Gospel:

1. Admit that you are a sinner.

For the wages of sin is death. – Romans 6:23

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one - Romans 3:10

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God - Romans 3:23

Therefore, it is essential to be born again, because you are dead in your sins.

Jesus answered and said to him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. - John 3:3

When do you know you are born again?

There is a renewal in your heart by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit. - Titus 3:5

2. Believe in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, And that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures. - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation. - Romans 10:9-10

3. Trust in the blood of the Lord Jesus.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace - Ephesians 1:7

4. Ask, and by grace you will receive eternal life.

and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. - Acts 2:21

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in ransom for his soul?

- Mark 8:36-37