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New Creation. The essential doctrine of New Creation is aptly codified in the words of the apostle Paul: “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come*” ([2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB](#), emphasis added).

All who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and confess Him as Lord are reconciled to God and inherit eternal life in His glorious presence ([John 3:16](#); [Romans 10:9–10](#)). Jesus’ resurrection from the dead inaugurates the renewal of all things. The new creation of faithful believers and the new creation of the natural world will be consummated in the resurrection when Jesus returns bodily to earth as the conquering king ([Romans 8:18–25](#)).

John 1:12-13 (NASB)

¹²“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even to those who believe in His name,*
¹³ *who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*”

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Early in Genesis, Adam and Eve fell into a life of perpetual sin terminated by death. The rest of Scripture chronicles God’s unfolding plan of redemption. Although Christians debate secondary aspects of eschatology, such as the timing of the tribulation or the meaning of the millennium, we are united in the truth that just as Christ came to earth once to bear the sins of the world, so too He will return again to gather the elect and to usher in the resurrection of all things ([1 Thessalonians 4:13–18](#); [Hebrews 9:27–28](#)).

On that day, the just will be resurrected to eternal life and the unjust to eternal conscious torment and separation from the love and grace of God ([John 5:28–29](#)). Paradise lost will become paradise restored, and the problem of sin and Satan will be fully and finally resolved ([Revelation 20–22](#)).

John 5:28-29 (NASB)

²⁸ “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,
²⁹ and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.”