

New Creation Realities

Lesson 7 “We Have Been Made Rich”

I. Introduction- We are in the sixth week of a series called “New Creation Realities.”

A. We’re doing this series because the Bible says we are a new creation so we want to learn what that means and what our new reality is. It’s different than our previous reality.

1. **Week 1** - We talked about what it means to be a new creation. We get a new spirit, not a new soul, or body. As we spend time renewing our mind, our soul will align and release the power of the spirit into our soul and body.
2. **Week 2** - We looked at how Jesus discover His identity in the word of God and how we must discover our identity from the word (not our feelings, emotions, opinions of the world, etc.)
3. **Week 3** - We talked about the renewed mind. The renewed mind isn’t just one that knows truth, it is a mind that sees from God’s perspective. This comes by revelation of the Holy Spirit.
4. **Week 4** - We talked about how we have been made the righteousness of God - we are the new heavens and earth metaphorically.
5. **Week 5** - We started talking about healing. We talked about healing our inner world. **3 John 1:2** says we *prosper and are in health as our soul prospers. This means one of the reasons sickness persists long term is our soul isn’t healthy.*
6. **Week 6** - We are healed. **1 Peter 2:24** says *by His stripes we were healed. Jesus paid for our healing at the cross.*

B. Tonight we are going to look at something else Jesus paid for at the cross: financial prosperity. The title of my message tonight is “We Are Rich.”

II. We Have Been Made Rich

A. **2 Corinthians 8:9** *we through His poverty might become rich.* This is part of our new creation reality.

1. Last week we looked at the Greek word for salvation (sozo). It means to save, but it also means to heal, bring peace, and make whole. Make whole means no lack.
2. Last week we looked at **Galatians 3:13**, which says Jesus redeemed us from he curse of the law, because cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree. **Deuteronomy 28:15-68** lays out the curses of the law. These include financial lack/poverty. To be redeemed means the curse of poverty has been paid and means now we are blessed/rich (positionally).
3. **Genesis 3:17-19** describe the curse placed on Adam for his disobedience in the garden. The land was going to bring forth thorns and thistles and Adam was

going to have to bring forth food with great labor. **What did Jesus wear on His head on the cross? A crown made of thorns and thistles. He redeemed us!**

B. God's Plan Is For Your Life to Be Like the Garden of Eden

1. What is the most opulent place ever on the face of the earth? Eden.
2. What would the rest of the Bible have been like if Adam would have never sinned? It would have been a story of opulence, blessing, celebration, and God's children filling the earth with His glory by reproducing children made in His image. **So this is the original will of God!**
3. This is still the will of God. Eden was patterned after heaven - **Revelation 22:1-3** (tree of life, river, no curse, the healing of the nations, this was place where man communed with God).
4. Both the tabernacle of Moses and Solomon's Temple were patterned after the Garden of Eden (Daniel Ragusa (head of Westminster Seminary notes).
5. The entrance to the garden faced east and the entrance to the tabernacle/temple faced east. The priest was seen to be retracing the steps of Adam and Eve from the fallen world back into the presence of God.
6. **Isaiah 51:3** our place of lack is supposed to be like the garden of God! ex: me starting a church with nothing.

C. Jesus's Example of lack becoming like the Garden

1. **Matthew 14:13-21** **Luke's** Account tells us Jesus was a Bethesda (house of fish). Jesus is the bread of life. There is prophetic imagery within these two facts. There is not enough yet God gave the elements for more than enough.
2. Jesus tells the disciple (us) to give others something to eat. Their response is we don't have enough. **John 6:4-7**
3. Jesus made the disciple make the people sit down in groups of 50 and 100 (divine order - symbolic of deliverance, freedom, and abundance).
4. Jesus then looked to heaven (what's eden patterned after - heaven). Jesus recovered His spiritual sight and blessed what was in His hands. God wants us to bless what is in our hands.
5. The blessing flowed through the disciples (**verse 20**).
6. There was more than enough (a basket for each disciple after they were done).

III. Conclusion - Pray for us to get revelation of what we have in Christ Jesus!

A. Receive Offering

B. Call Up Prayer Team and Pray Closing Prayer