

Message Notes

A Biblical Theology of Change

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – Change?

A Biblical Theology of Renovation

Creation

Genesis 1:1

Genesis 1:26-27

Genesis 2:7-9

Genesis 2:15-17

Genesis 2:18, 24-25

Observations from Creation

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Genesis 3:6-7

Genesis 3:8-13

Genesis 3:14-15

Genesis 3:16

Genesis 3:17-19

Romans 3:23

Observations from Fall

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Revelation 21:1-4

Revelation 22:1-5

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Redemption

Romans 3:21-26

Ephesians 2:1-10

Romans 6:1-14

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Gospel Renovation Application – *In what ways is your understanding of God's story hindering your renovation project?*

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RENOVATION PROJECT

HOW THE GOSPEL CHANGES US



Barriers to Renovation

- #1 - Good truth misapplied
- #2 - Temptation is everywhere
- #3 - Keep up appearances
- #4 - Fear of the unknown
- #5 - Choosing gospel substitutes
- #6 - Gospel Amnesia
- #7 - Is it worth it?
- #8 - Life happens
- #9 - Does it work?
- #10 - How do I renovate?

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*In order to understand the Bible and your life in God,
you need to answer the question:*

WHAT TIME IS IT?



A Biblical Theology of Renovation (Change)





The Story



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The God who Creates

Genesis 1:1

¹In the beginning God created
the heavens and the earth.

Creation – Who are we?

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Creation – Who are we?

Genesis 2:7-9

⁷The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Creation – Who are we?

Genesis 2:15-17

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”

Creation – Who are we?

Genesis 2:18, 24-25

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him...”

²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. ²⁵The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Creation - Observations

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1. God is our Creator
2. We are created in the image and likeness of God
3. We were created male and female
4. We were created perfectly good – no mars, no flaws, no sin
5. We were created for a purpose – meaningful work & worship
6. We were created to obey God
7. We were created for relationship
8. We were created to be ‘naked and without shame’



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The Fall - A look @ what went wrong!

Genesis 3:6-7



⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

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Genesis 3:8-13

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man
“Where are you?”











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Genesis 3:8-13

¹⁰He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”



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¹²The man said, “The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”



The Fall - A look @ what went wrong!

- *The Curse - to the serpent*

Genesis 3:14-15



¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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- *The Curse - to the woman*



Genesis 3:16

¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

The Fall - A look @ what went wrong!

- *The Curse - to the man*

Genesis 3:17-19



¹⁷To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

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Romans 3:23

For all have sinned
and fall short
of the glory of God.

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1. Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God
2. Adam was silent
3. The result was exposure (nakedness)
4. This led to an inner shame
5. This led to blaming others
6. The curse pronounced by God involved:
 - a. War now on earth
 - b. Human Relationships not right
 - c. Work would now be hard
 - d. Death entered the world



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Revelation 21:1-4

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is among the people, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 22:1-5

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Restoration - Observations

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1. **God is the goal!**
2. All things will be made new
3. There will be no death, mourning, crying or pain
4. There will be no more curse!
5. The nations will heal!
6. We will joyfully serve God
7. God will be near and dear
8. This will go on for ever and ever



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Romans 3:21-26

²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

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²⁵God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished — ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

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“The Gospel is that I am far worse than I imagine and simultaneously more loved and accepted by God than I ever dared hope for — because of Jesus death for me.”

~ Tim Keller, author and pastor



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