



redeemed

bible in 3 & 1 Corinthians 5-7

SCPC term 2 2008

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study 1 creation Genesis 1-2 & Revelation 21-22

KEY VERSE FOR SERIES: "...you are not your own; you were bought at a price..." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Welcome back to 1 Corinthians—a book we'll continue journeying through this term, after a 3 week stopover to overview the whole Bible in 3 talks. If you have a spare 70 hours you can prepare by reading the whole Bible! I'm only half joking about that mind you, because the definite goal of the overview series is not just to get us understanding the big picture of the Bible but to get us reading the Bible more, that the Bible would be central in church, in our small groups, in one-to-one relationships, and in each of our own individual relationships with God. May God use this series to help us see the greatness of Jesus in God's wonderful plan, and to desire from the heart to grow like him through the life-changing power of God's Word. The opening study gets us looking at the 'bookends' of the Bible, with the next 2 weeks filling in the detail. It's a quick overview of the Bible from creation (Gen 1-2) to new creation (Rev 21-22).

some notes on questions

Q1. notice especially recurrence within each day of "And God said" "It was so" "It was good"

Q2. words like harmony, peace, love, trust and order should come to the fore

Q3. compare 1:27 with 5:1-3. To be in God's image is to be his sons (children) and to be entrusted with the 'family business' - looking after God's good creation. You might want to refer to notes from the Lord's Prayer series.

Q4-5. Many similarities should be obvious (river, trees, precious stones... harmonious relationships). The big difference is the presence of the Lamb—Jesus—the one who has enabled creation not just to be regained but to be some how surpassed in the wonder of the new creation.

Q6. This will be very significant to lock in through this series. The marriage of Adam and Eve in Genesis was just a hint of God's great plan of a greater eternal marriage between his true son Jesus and the church—Jesus' bride. That reality is very significant in Paul's teaching in 1 Cor 6-7 about sexuality, singleness, marriage and divorce which we will look at in coming weeks. The reason we can all be content and filled with hope—whatever our relationship situation on earth—is that we all have the same destiny of union with Christ forever. That puts the struggles/joys of human relationships in this temporary world in perspective. It is a great reason for patience and perseverance. This is the pastoral message for us to remember in ministering to our groups.

Q7-9. By faith in Christ 'new creation' is here now, although the perfection of the new creation has not yet come because the age of sin will only finally end when Jesus returns. But for God's people, God's Spirit is already re-creating us in the likeness of Jesus and removing sin by faith.

digging deeper: this Psalm celebrates the place God gave to man within creation. This reality is only truly seen in the true man Jesus. He doesn't just reveal God to us but true humanity—what we were meant to be.



remember that once the talk goes up on the website you can always post a question/observation by leaving a comment—it's easy to do and then others will also be able to see the response when it goes up and leave their thoughts too.

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Sunday 25
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small group bible study leaders' notes