

New Creation

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Descension and Ascension| Colossians 1:15-23

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we continued our series on *New Creation* by looking at Christ's descent to the grave and his ascension to heaven. We saw how in his descent he defeated death and the grave and announced his victory over the powers. In his ascension he entered the space of God and went to the heavenly throne room, where he presented the sacrifice of the atonement and was given all authority in heaven and on earth. He then sent the Spirit and now lives to pray for us.

R E A D

Colossians 1:15-23 | Philippians 2:5-11 | Ephesians 4:7-10

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

1. What have you thought or been taught about Christ's descent to the grave and his ascension to heaven?
2. In Revelation 1:17-18 Jesus says that he holds the keys of death of hades, what does it mean for him to hold the keys?
3. Read Ephesians 2:4-7. What does it mean to you? How are we to experience the new creation already as the result of Christ's resurrection?

4. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. As our High Priest, Jesus is ministering on our behalf currently, what does this passage teach us about the nature of Jesus' priestly work? What does it mean to you that we can approach God's throne with confidence?
5. Read Philippians 2:5-11. How can we practice new creation in Christ based on this passage?

R E S P O N D

Words like mercy, kindness, grace, and great love feature heavily in the passages about the ascension, what do we learn about the King and his Kingdom through these words? How is Jesus inviting you as a citizen of the Kingdom to practice new creation by embodying these values in our fallen world.

Spend some time sharing and praying assurances of mercy over one another as Spirit leads you.

P R A Y

Hebrews 7:24-25 says "because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them." This means that Jesus is currently praying for us. Ask Jesus how he is praying for your group and our church family. Then take some time to listen to him and pray for one another.