



## Getting a Grip on THE Message of Jesus (Part 2)

### Get a Grip #5

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#### **(Signposts pointing into the fog)**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the men of old gained approval. **Hebrews 11:1-2 (NASB)**

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

**Romans 1:17 (NIV)**

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. **Hebrews 11:6 (NASB)**

For we live by faith, not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)**

#### **What are the signposts God has given us?**

##### **God is going to renew 'ALL THINGS'!**

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife<sup>[e]</sup> or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

**Matthew 19:28-29 (NIV)**

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, ... <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"  
**Revelation 21:1a, 5a (NIV)**

Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. **Acts 3:21 (NIV)**

#### **I can experience renewal NOW!**

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. **Romans 5:10-11 (NIV)**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (NIV)**

...what counts is the new creation. **Galatians 6:15b (NIV)**

...having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. **2 Timothy 3:5 (NIV)**

#### **Am I living as 'THE New Creation'?**

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