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A Missional Reading of the Bible

NEW CREATION

- The promise of “all things new”
 - Gen 3:15
 - Is 65:17; 66:22
 - Col 1:14-20
 - Rev 21:5
 - Rev 22:2-5
- C.S. Lewis
 - “If I discover within myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world”

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NEW CREATION

- A complete restoration of all things (creation-order/structural goodness/directional goodness are restored):
 - God
 - Creation
 - Others
 - Ourselves
- A restoration of who we are as image-bearers:
 1. Spiritually
 2. Morally
 3. Rationally
 4. Creativity/Imagination
 5. Relationally

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NEW CREATION

- The great divide between the redeemed and the unredeemed
 - Acts 4:12 – redemption is particularistic/exclusivistic
 - The ingathering of nations is ongoing and we should be encouraged at what God is doing; however, 2 billion people still have little to no access to the gospel
- The New Heavens and New Earth
 - Rev 22:2-5

2 also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, ...The leaves of the tree were for **the healing of the nations.** 3 No longer will there be anything **accursed**, but the **throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.** 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for **the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever**

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