

"ALL THINGS NEW"**Introduction**

1. There is something contemporary here
2. "Re-cycling". But on a grand scale
3. The Blessed Tri-une God will renew the entire universe at last

1. EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD NEEDS TO BE MADE NEW

- 1) **ILLUSTRATION**: a little girl once asked her mother...
- 2) This world is full of things needing repaired:
ILLUSTRATION: car / house / prison / hospital
- 3) Not as God first created things: "very good"
- 4) Man's sin has proved catastrophic - we live in a broken world: lives / homes / marriages / reputations / health / souls
- 5) Mankind cannot solve it: war / crime / cruelty / ignorance / disease...
- 6) Why should all this be so?
ANSWER: "Vanity" – God's judgement
APPLICATION: Do you realize that you personally need to be made new?

2. GOD WILL MAKE EVERYTHING NEW AT LAST

- 1) The text tells us that God will repair everything in the end:
 - (i) in the end – no more unresolved evils
 - (ii) God, who speaks here, will solve all problems / right all wrongs / cure all ills
- 2) The Bible always shows the real problem: the human heart

- 3) Nowhere else is this done: More money / longer holidays / more doctors / social equality / woman's liberation / education...
- 4) But "the heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart", i.e. man's core problem is his relation to God
- 5) Therefore God begins with the heart NOW:
 - (i) awakening to see our real need
 - (ii) conviction to bring us to ourselves
 - (iii) a new birth to make us holy
 - (iv) a new love created in us for God + glory
- 6) This is what God is doing NOW
APPLICATION: Has your own heart been renewed?

3. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S GUARANTEE THAT ALL THINGS WILL AT LAST BE RENEWED BY GOD

- 1) "Write": as proof that it will be done:
 - (i) the OT tells us how God prepared for Christ
 - (ii) the NT tells us what Christ has done
- 2) Here in this text at the very end of the Bible is the promise of future complete renewal:
 - (i) v.2: a completed salvation – glorious church
 - (ii) v.1: a renewed universe – "new heavens..."
 - (iii) v.4: an end of all sorrows for the godly
 - (iv) v.3: perfected fellowship with God
 - (v) v.8: very solemn: sinners who do NOT believe removed out of all comfort
APPLICATION: O what a call to repent!

CONCLUSION

All this will assuredly come to pass.
The Bible is our pledge!

PSALM**47: 1 – 8****96: 9 – 13****45: 13 - 17**