

# THE NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH

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The terms “heavens” and “earth” that are used in the New Covenant teachings of Christ are not literal locations/places as many believe and teach.

Christ’s New Covenant teachings are taught using Christ’s “another language” (**Isa 28:9-12**) which uses spirit words (**John 6:63**). Spirit words which carry meanings that are different from what man's wisdom teaches (**1Cor 2:13**).

I usually refer to this language as Christ’s spiritual language.

Since the terms “heavens” and “earth” are spirit words, they carry meanings that are different than how mankind defines them.

The concept presented in the scripture below applies to them:

**1Cor 15:46** Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

With this concept in mind, here are the spiritual definitions of the spirit words “heavens” and “earth”:

**NATURAL/OLD HEAVENS:** The carnal mind.

**NATURAL/OLD EARTH:** The marred spirit that has a carnal & religious spiritual nature.

**NEW HEAVENS:** The mind of Christ.

**NEW EARTH:** The new spirit that has a divine spiritual nature given to it by the Holy Spirit.

When Christ converts a person from being a child of the devil into a child of God, their Old Heavens and Old Earth pass away and are replaced with a New Heavens and a New Earth:

**Rev 21:1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Peter describes the judgment portion of the conversion process using these same spirit words in the scripture below:

**2Pet 3:10** But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the (Old) Heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the (Old) Earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, **12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the Day of God, wherein the (Old) Heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? **13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for a New Heavens and a New Earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

The spiritual process of conversion requires a person to be given both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, followed by the judgment of the Day of the Lord. The Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit will give the person a New Heavens and a New Earth. The Day of the Lord will destroy the Old Heavens and Old Earth.

In the section below, I will describe mankind's spiritual make-up and how conversion changes it.

Under the New Covenant, mankind will become Christ's new temple:

**1Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

Within His new temple, Christ has a throne room from which He reigns:

**Psa 103:19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the (New) heavens; and his kingdom rules over all.**

Stated another way; Christ will reign over a converted person from within their mind. In this sense, a converted person becomes "the Lord from heaven":

**1Cor 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.**

After a person has received both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit and has been converted, the Holy Spirit will begin the spiritual process of renewing the carnal mind of the individual into the mind of Christ.

**Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

The Holy Spirit causes the mind to be renewed by writing the law of the Spirit in the heart of the individual. The heart then teaches the law of the Spirit to the mind which causes it to be renewed into the mind of Christ.

**Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

**2Cor 3:3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.**

**Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments (truth and chastisements) are in the (New) earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness (in the mind).**

The spiritual process of renewing the mind is what John the Baptist was teaching when he made this statement:

**John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.**

John the Baptist is a type for the Old Man. The Old Man represents the head/carnal mind. When the judgments (chastisements) of the Holy Spirit are in the New Earth, the carnal mind will be transformed into the mind of Christ. And as John implies, it is a slow spiritual process.

When the mind is fully transformed into the mind of Christ, the child of God will be matured into a perfect man of full age:

**Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

**Heb 5:14 But strong meat (**truth**) belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

Below is a little more on the spiritual make-up of mankind:

Mankind's heart is contained in the spirit of a person. It is a person's heart which forms a person's thoughts & beliefs. Those thoughts and beliefs are then passed onto the person's mind. The mind is where the beliefs and thoughts are processed and acted upon by the soul. The soul represents a person's individual life & consciousness that were created when their spirit was placed into a body (where the mind is located).

The verse below states the definition of a soul:

**Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground (**physical body which contains the mind**), and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (**a person's individual spirit**); and man became a LIVING SOUL.**

The spiritual makeup of mankind is expressed by the formula below:

**SPIRIT** (contains the heart) + **BODY** (contains the mind) = **A LIVING SOUL**

In other words, mankind doesn't have a soul, mankind is a soul.

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**Note:** When a person's body dies, their mind and individual consciousness also die since the body contains the mind. Their spirit (which contains the heart) will then return to God. At this point, the person is no longer a living soul. This is what it means to be dead. The person will remain in this state of death without consciousness until the bodily resurrection occurs. So when you hear of "life after death experiences", know that they are either lies or tricks of the carnal mind as it nears death. Also, if you are attending a funeral and the speaker says that the person who died is alive up in heaven, know that this is not true. The person who died is truly dead. This is why the coming bodily resurrection is of such importance. Without it, all mankind would suffer the full consequences of their sins and would be forever perished.

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When Adam and Eve were created, God formed them in the manner that is described above. However, the spirit that God used for them was “marred”:

**Jer 18:4** And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

The flaw in Adam and Eve’s spirit is that it was weak and subject to vanity.

**Psa 6:2** Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones (another symbol for a person’s spirit) are vexed.

**Rom 8:20** For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope...

Scripture also teaches mankind’s spiritual make-up in “type” by the relationship between Adam (the husband) and Eve (the wife).

**Mat 19:4** And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 “and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?”

**ADAM + EVE = ONE FLESH**

**HUSBAND + WIFE = ONE FLESH**

The verse below also applies another aspect of the husband and wife relationship:

**Eph 5:23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body.

The teaching above produces these formulas:

**HEAD + BODY = ONE FLESH**

**CHRIST + CHURCH = ONE FLESH**

These formulas also apply:

**MIND + SPIRIT = ONE FLESH**

**OLD HEAVEN + OLD EARTH = ONE FLESH**

After a person is converted, the formula will look like this:

**NEW HEAVEN + NEW EARTH + HOLY SPIRIT = ONE FLESH**

After a converted person is resurrected and given a spiritual body, they will become a quickening spirit instead of being a living soul like they were when they had a physical body.

**1Cor 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickenning spirit.**

Now the formula will look like this:

**NEW HEAVEN + NEW EARTH + HOLY SPIRIT = A QUICKENING SPIRIT**

After a person is converted and receives the Spirit of God, their spirit (Earth) and mind (Heaven) will be changed. Their original Heaven and Earth will be destroyed and replaced by a New Heaven and New Earth. After this conversion event, the person will be guided by their new spirit which will have a divine spiritual nature that comes from the indwelling Holy Spirit. This new spirit with a divine spiritual nature will give the person a new heart, which will in turn, produce a new mind; the mind of Christ.

By the end of the final age, Christ will have finished His work and all mankind will have an immortal spiritual body that has a New Heaven and a New Earth “wherein dwelleth righteousness” (2Pet 3:13). This is mankind’s salvation.

**1Tim 2:3-6 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.**