

CHRISTIAN FAITH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

God's New Creation

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:11-21

Four differing points of view: **old, present, future, or eternity.**

The Christian lives in and with all four ways of seeing and knowing. The Christian begins with eternity and sees this life from that perspective.

The **new creation**” and the **old creation** exist side by side in every way. We live in a world that is decaying and renewing, dying and rising.

Christians are stewards of the “old creation” and ambassadors of the new creation.

The “old” ways of dealing with creation:

- ❖ **Chaos and randomness**
- ❖ **Exploitation of creation**
- ❖ **Focus on the present life/carelessness for consequences**
- ❖ **Use of science and technology to control the present**
- ❖ **Another generation will clean up after us**

The ‘new’ way—the Christian way—of dealing with creation.

- ❖ **Anticipating the completion of creation**
- ❖ **Stewardship of creation**
- ❖ **Focus on present and future generations**
- ❖ **Use of resources to glorify God and further God's purposes**
- ❖ **Sharing of resources as ambassadors of Christ**

Challenges to stewardship of creation:

- ❖ **Consequences of old creation thinking: environmental crises.**
- ❖ **Land use mismanagement**
- ❖ **Deforestation**
- ❖ **Urban growth/planning challenges**
- ❖ **Climate change**

Christian responses

- ❖ **Prayer for God's in creation**
- ❖ **Stewardship of God's creation in our time**
- ❖ **Teaching "new creation" stewardship principals**
- ❖ **Caring for the hungry and thirsty**
- ❖ **Mindfulness of future generations**

In the *Book of Common Prayer*, use the Rogation Prayer (pp.258-259) as a way to reflect on Christian Faith, Science and Technology.