

The New Creation is Made by the Word

Genesis 1: 1-5

God makes his children a new creature (creation) because we were defiled by sin and must be made new. (2 Cor 5: 17; Gal 6: 15). In the end, the new spirit and soul and new body of his elect, along with the new heavens and new earth will all be the work of the Christ, wherein all shall be created in his perfect righteousness and holiness (Eph 4: 24; Rom 8: 9-12; 2 Pet 3: 13.) By looking at the beginning when God created the first heavens and earth, we behold how the LORD God makes the new creation.

The new creation is made the same way the heavens and earth were created in the beginning, by the Word (Genesis 1: 1; Heb 11: 1, 3) "In the beginning" is used two times in John 1: 1-2. Verse 1 speaks of a beginning which came before verse 2. Verse 2 is the beginning we are looking at in Genesis 1. In the beginning before God began creating the heaven and the earth, God the Father entrusted to God the Son in the eternal council and covenant of grace, the work of making his chosen children a new creation and of creating a new heavens and a new earth (Eph 1). The counsel and covenant is the Word. All begins by the Word. Then the Word, Christ himself, began the work entrusted to him by first creating THIS heaven and earth and all things in it by his Word (Gen 1: 1; John 1: 1-4). Then the Word--the Covenant, the Sign--came in human flesh and put away the sin of his children, bringing in everlasting righteousness for them. (John 1: 14; Isa 42: 6; Is 7: 14; Mat 12: 38-41; 2 Cor 5: 19-21).