

**Building Project**  
**“The New Design”**

*“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”* 2 Corinthians 5:17

*Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

*Revelation 21: 3-4*

**Introduction**

**The Architect, Designer and Builder of all things is God.**

**His original perfect design was marred by sin and ruined by death.**

**Sin’s brokenness is also especially evident in humankind’s relationship with God and each other and is mirrored in the architecture of the Old Testament temple.**

*Illustration: People near the Mediterranean Sea live surrounded by the ruins of great civilizations that preceded them, Columned temples, paved Roman highways, Egyptian pyramids all point to a bygone era. In the same way, we live among the ruins of God’s original plan, now only shattered remnants of the greatness that God intended for us in His original design.*

**This morning we turn to see the “New Design” God has put into place for you.**

- 1. The Completion of God’s Plan: Sneak Preview**  
*“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people and God*

**Notice the elements of the New Design:**

- 1. God dwells with men (Communion Restored)**
- 2. They are His people (He acknowledges them as His)**
- 3. He is their God (They cast away all false gods)**
- 4. He wipes every tear away (Whatever causes tears...broken hearts, broken homes, broken health, cruelty, injustice, selfishness...)**
- 5. No more...death...pain...Everything that hold us back, knocks us down, defeats us and ruins us will be gone, both within us and around us**
- 6. The Old Design, made dangerously septic by sin and death, completely passes away!**

**This is the Good News. This is what God is doing in your life EVEN AS WE SPEAK!**

**A. Jesus Christ’s coming inaugurates God’s New Design!**

**At his Birth:** *“Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will towards men.”* Luke 2:14

As your **Rescuer** of all trapped in the ruins of the Old Design: “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”  
*Romans 5:8*

As your **Hero**, defeating your enemies: “Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity, so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”  
*Hebrews 2:14-15*

**B. Christ repairs the damage of sin in your life.**

“God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”  
*2 Corinthians 5:21*

**C. Through faith in Jesus taking your place in the Old Design, God creates the New Design in You.**

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**2. So then, what is the difference between living in the Old Design and living in the New Design?**

**A. Old Design**

**1. Spiritually Dead**

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins...”  
*Ephesians 2:1*

**2. Alienated from the Designer**

“The wrath of God is being revealed...against all the godlessness and wickedness of men...”  
*Romans 1:18*

**3. Acting according to the Sinful Nature**

“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious...those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God”  
*Galatians 5:19-21*

**B. New Design**

**1. Spiritually Alive**

“God, Who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ”  
*Ephesians 2:4-5*

**2. In Christ**

“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”  
*Galatians 3:27*

**3. God Works (works that are Good)**

“...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His purpose.”  
*Philippians 2:13*

**4. Fruitfulness today and in eternity**

“The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”  
*Galatians 5:22*