

A New Normal?

Introduction: I have paid attention to new phrases or new uses of old phrases during the COVID 19 shut down. One such phrase is “New Normal”. In the Bible and in life we find lots of new normals.

I) Old Testament

A) Giving of _____ . Exodus 19:1-2

1. Being in the presence of God, the mountain. (Ex. 19.10, 16),

Exodus 20:1 And God spoke all these words, saying:

2. The Ten Commandments – _____ Observance. **Exodus 20:8**

3. The _____ instead of the heads of the families being the priest.

B) The Captivity and Return was full of “new normals”

1. Being taken off their land.

a. Learning a new l _____ -- **Jeremiah 5:15.**

b. Becoming _____ - **Jeremiah 5:19**

2. The return – 70 years later, that generation “normal” was to be servants and to live in a foreign land. Now they were to have a “new normal”.

3. Eventually they adapted and lived in the land of Canaan. Without _____, without a _____, and for 400 years without any new revelation

II) New Normals In the New Testament.

A) Day of Pentecost issued in a lot of “new normals”

1. The people in Acts 2 realized this was not a “normal” Pentecost.

2. Sound of _____, tongues of _____, the 12 speaking in various _____.

B) They heard a new message – Luke 24:46

1. They heard about the death, burial, resurrection of Christ and Him being at the right hand of God. Acts 2.

2. They heard a new message of _____ **Acts 2:37-38**

C) They became members of a new body, the _____. Acts 2:47b..

D) A new _____ Acts 2:40-42.

1. New in its activities – apostles’ doctrine, breaking of bread (Lord’s Supper).

2 New in its scope- **Acts 2:39**

3. A group of former Jews and Gentiles both worshipping together.

III) Various New Normals In Our Lives

A) When we obey the Gospel

1. _____ is about change and turning away from sin toward God. **Acts 26:19ff**

2. The Bible describes us as _____. **2 Corinthians 5:17., Galatians 2:20**

B) _____ requires a new normal.

1. Leaving mother and father, becoming one flesh, Genesis 2.24.

C) There are lots of new normals

1. Parenting, aging, etc.

Conclusion: Life is made of new normals until they become the old normal and change occurs again and we have another new normal. The final new normal will be at the resurrection. I hate to think of heaven and hell as “normal” because both places are not really normal places. Hell is a place of utter darkness and pain. **Matthew 25:29-30**

Heaven is the abode of God. **Revelation 5:11-14**