

**THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR
OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE
GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S
CREATION**

Part 4:

Creation Care in the New Testament

If Creation Care was important to God,
surely there would be a section on the
topic in the New Testament? Surely
Jesus would have *more* to say?

1. NT teaching

2. Motivation

3. World-view

MATTHEW 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”
Jesus replied: “‘**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbour as yourself.**’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

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PHIL 2:9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

The Son is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

For in him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,

whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;

all things have been created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together...

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether things on earth or things in heaven,

by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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ROMANS 8:16-17

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—**heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ**, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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PSALM 24:1

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PSALM 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of the God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands...
their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the end of the world.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can I apply my love for God in influencing actions to protect and restore God's creation here on earth?
2. As best as I can, how can I put into practice my responsibility to protect my fellow humans from the effects of damage to God's creation?

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