

Jesus Makes all Things New

Text: Mark 2:18-22

Context -

In Mark 2-3, Jesus is in the process of answering 5 clarifying questions that are asked by the religious authorities. Question 1 was, "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mark 2:1-12); Question 2 was, "Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (Mark 2:13-17). The question before us in our current text is, "Why do John's disciples and the Pharisee's disciples fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

Since Jesus makes all things new...

1. _____ the joy His presence brings (vs. 18-20)

- A. The disciples were not to mourn and fast since Jesus was with them. His presence with them was a cause for celebration.
- B. Fasting would come when Jesus would go to the cross. Reflection on Christ's payment for our sins on the cross is a just cause for present fasting.
- C. Have you personally experience the joy of the presence of Christ in your life? Have you personally used fasting to fight against sin in your life?

2. _____ how He fulfilled the Old Covenant (vs. 21-22)

- A. Jesus taught the Pharisees that He was doing something new (inaugurating a new covenant) which does not abolish the Old Covenant but fulfills it.
- B. God does not want us to "add" him to our already busy and established lives, rather He seeks to completely "transform" us and make us completely new.
- C. Have you personally experienced the complete transformation and renewal of Jesus Christ?