God of the Fresh Start

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Isaiah 61:1-11

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It's a Wonderful life because a sovereign God has purposed to give us a _____ _____ and a _____ _____, call it even a "new birth".

1. Jesus came to remake the _____ universe, and he's coming again to _____ the _____.

A. The Year of Jubilee: every _____ year Israel must free their _____, cancel all _____, and return _____ to original families.

B. The message of Jubilee was that when you live with God your _____ can never _____ you.

C. _____ _____ is all about fresh starts, for you, for me, and even for the _____ we walk on.

"The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." Romans 8:19-22, NIV

"Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor." Luke 7:22, NIV

D. Do not overlook the fact that God is concerned with these seemingly _____, _____ things!

"I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 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 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. He who was seated on the throne said, I am making everything new!" Revelation 21:2-5

2. Jesus' restoration of my _____world hinges on his restoration of my _____world!

A. No physical, _____, or _____ restoration comes without spiritual restoration.

B. The Year of Jubilee began on the Day of _____?

C. Just as Jubilee came out of atonement for sin, so the _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ come on the heels of the _____.

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21, NIV