

## “From Pod to Pods”

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Peas are interesting vegetables. This pod appears and as it grows small peas grow inside as the pod grows. The farmer waits until the appropriate time and then harvests the vegetables. We then have wonderful food, but the extraordinary thing has yet to occur. Before people went to the store to buy seeds, the farmers would, in the fall, hold back a portion of the crop to use as seeds for next year. These peas are removed from the pod, and planted with many new pea pods being the result.

We believers have the privilege of being like peas. Jesus spoke of this:

**24I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.** Jn 12:24-26 (NIV)

Jesus graciously, after we received him as Savior and Lord, put us with other be-



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lievers so we can grow in the knowledge and ways of Him. Once we grow to a certain point he plants each of us in a place where we can share his goodness and help others into the knowledge of Jesus' saving grace. This may be our workplace, our neighborhood, or somewhere in another country.

The place we are “planted” for the increase of God’s “crop” of souls may not be comfortable, but we are never alone. God taking us out of our initial seed pod may put us in a different position, but it never removes us from his body, or takes from us the gift/ability to worship him and fellowship him. Our act of obedience brings us closer to God and we also have the gift of not just being a part of one pod, but crucial in the growth of many pods, for God’s glory.

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# Sojourning

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## “Changing Of The Age” (Teaching Sketch)

Various Scriptures



Every move made by God throughout history has brought about change. [1] When God moves for his plan and his people it is dramatic no matter if for an individual or a people.

Change is, however, not always greeted with enthusiasm. A person’s adaptability to change is often a gauge to their emotional health. One of the most important aspects of life can be the ability to recognize change, especially God-authored, anointed, change. The gift of discernment is a necessary part of understanding change to ward off deception as change occurs. Deception was in fact how the earth was changed for mankind’s authority to the transfer to Satan’s [2] authority.

### Creation

#### Genesis 1:1-2

One could hardly argue that creation was not a radical change. All that is necessary is to read how God moved

on chaos and created something so magnificent even what we see of this change is difficult for mankind to fathom.

### Flooding

#### Genesis 7:11-12

God gave a picture to mankind of his desire to redeem mankind in the story of the flood. Noah spent 120 years preparing the Ark of Safety which would preserve mankind, all the while being ridiculed for his warnings of coming doom and method of safety.

### Deliverance

#### Exodus 12:31

God again demonstrated his desire that no one should perish in the time of Moses by delivering his people from the bondage of slavery. This was a picture of the burden of sin in the life of mankind.

### Salvation

#### Matthew 27:51

With the advent of Jesus the Christ (Anointed) came the absolute victory of mankind over sin by the sinless son of

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[1]

• undergo a change; become different in essence; losing one's or its original nature  
• an event that occurs when something passes from one state or phase to another

[2]

Satan means “The Adversary”

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#### Creation

**Genesis 1:1-2** (KJV)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup>And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

#### Flood

**Genesis 7:11-12** (KJV)

<sup>11</sup>In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

#### Deliverance

**Exodus 12:31** (KJV)

<sup>31</sup>And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

#### Salvation

**Matthew 27:51** (KJV)

<sup>51</sup>And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; <sup>52</sup>And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, <sup>53</sup>And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

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#### Age Of Change

**Matthew 25:1-13** (KJV)

<sup>1</sup>Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup>They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: <sup>4</sup>But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup>And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. <sup>12</sup>But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

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God. Jesus the Christ is the second Adam who took away the sins of the world for all who would come to him as the Ark of Safety and restoration of all things.

#### **Age Of Change**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

We are now in the “Age of Change!” Yes, this is still the “Age of Grace” but the transition is even now taking place for great change. This is the beginning of the completing of the carrying out of God's plan. The plan which was interrupted by mankind being deceived by Satan and falling into a sinful state. God's plan is to bring blessing and bounty to his creation. The return to the forefront of mankind's mind of those first words ever heard by human ears, “Be fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 1:28) as God pronounced a blessing on Adam and Eve.

Those alive today who are in Christ Jesus are indeed a blessed generation, blessed to plant the seeds of God, seeds of the blessing! Like Noah warning and informing of the change about to come with the blessing of opportunity in Christ!

#### **Just so you'll know:**

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

