



All Things New

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Revelations 21:1-5

Now I saw a **new** heaven and a **new** earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "**Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.**" 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, **for the former things have passed away.**" 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Jesus sitting on the throne says:
I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

GOD IS A GOD WHO LIKES TO MAKE THINGS NEW!

The reason why He wants to make things new is, because there have been things creeping in our lives that have contaminated His level of goodness in it. The enemy has come in, he's converted it- through sin. And sin opened the door to death. And the enemy came in and has perverted and twisted everything that God has created that was so beautiful.

When God had created everything in Genesis, He took a step back and He said, "indeed, everything He created was very good." - Then man disobeyed God and sin came in.

But the beautiful thing is that the redemptive plan of God is far more superior than anything the enemy can try to do to derail, or to cause hurt, pain, sorrow and all those things.

GOD IS ABOUT MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

It is about a fresh start with Him!

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.***

Anyone who is in Christ is a NEW CREATION! - Your spirit was born again. You became alive to God.

Everyone in Christ is a brand new species. - Brand new. Never been made before.

GOD IS ABOUT FRESH STARTS.

When you're baptised, you're reminding us/yourself what really happens when we give our heart to Christ. As you go into the water of baptism, symbolically, as you go under the water, you're buried with Christ and you come up in a resurrected life that Jesus has for you.

Romans 6:4

*Therefore we were **buried with Him through baptism into death**, that just as Christ was **raised from the dead by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**.*

YOUR OLD SELF IS DEAD NOW

The Glory of the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so the Glory of the Father raised us from spiritual death into life.

THERE IS A NEW LIFE THAT GOD HAS FOR US

God TRANSFORMS people.

He touches the minds and hearts of His people and facilitates a transformational walk.

GOD TRANSFORMS people and things fall away from you.

The closer you get to Jesus the more easily these things fall away from you.

Sometimes we're so concentrating on getting these things out of us - but Jesus says:

Matthew 11:30

*... **My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**"*

Don't take on unnecessary yokes.

Allow Holy Spirit to minister to your heart.

God is going to give you the strength—the grace.

That is the beautiful thing about this NEW LIFE IN CHRIST - we have the Holy Spirit living on the inside of us. And now he is working in us the nature of God, the nature of Christ. The character of God is being formed within us.

We are on a journey with God. And He is always working things out of us. And things that are trying to steal, kill and destroy, He is pulling them out of us. God is wanting to set His people free.

This NEW LIFE IN CHRIST is all about relationship with your creator.

Romans 10:9-11

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

God wants to touch your life.

When God touches your life, He starts to deal with the old nature in you.

Joel 2:25-26

*"So **I will restore to you the years** that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And **My people shall never be put to shame**.*

God says: I am going to restore the years

There is no shame in God. Your old nature is buried {For all those being baptised}.

Don't allow yourself to look back and listen to the enemy and to his accusations!

In the court room of heaven you are free

In sports: "Whatever you do, don't ever look behind you."

GOD IS ALL ABOUT MAKING EVERYTHING NEW

2 Kings 5:8-14 (MSG)

*Elisha the man of God heard what had happened, that the king of Israel was so distressed that he'd ripped his robe to shreds. He sent word to the king, "Why are you so upset, ripping your robe like this? Send him to me so he'll learn that there's a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman with his horses and chariots arrived in style and stopped at Elisha's door. 10 Elisha sent out a servant to meet him with this message: "Go to the River Jordan and immerse yourself seven times. Your skin will be healed and **you'll be as good as new.**" 11-12 Naaman lost his temper. He spun around saying, "I thought he'd personally come out and meet me, call on the name of God, wave his hand over the diseased spot, and get rid of the disease. The Damascus rivers, Abana and Pharpar, are cleaner by far than any of the rivers in Israel. Why not bathe in them? I'd at least get clean." He stomped off, mad as a hornet. 13 But his servants caught up with him and said, "Father, if the prophet had asked you to do something hard and heroic, wouldn't you have done it? So why not this simple 'wash and be clean'?" 14 So he did it. He went down and immersed himself in the Jordan seven times, following the orders of the Holy Man. His skin was healed; it was like the skin of a little baby. **He was as good as new.***

GOD IS STARTING SOMETHING NEW.

Baptism is an outward symbol of what God has done on your inside.

God is a God who loves to make all things NEW.

Acts 8:26-36

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is [a]desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, 33 And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." 34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

Philip preached Jesus to him.

Acts 8:37

Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

The only requirement for baptism is believing in Jesus.

Acts 8:38-40

*So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and **he baptized him**. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.*

WATER BAPTISM IS A SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCE.

It is something God commanded us to do.

It is to testify

There is a NEW COVENANT.

It is about your NEW LIFE.

GOD IS NOT HERE TO REMIND US OF THE PAST—HE IS HERE TO DO SOMETHING NEW

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Jeremiah 29:11

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, **thoughts of peace** and not of evil, **to give you a future and a hope**.*

God is the master of taking broken pieces and making amazing things out of it.

Romans 8:28

*And we know that **all things work together for good to those who love God**, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*