

## All Things New – In Christ!

### Introduction

- A. The question; "What's new?" is answered by the Bible; "All things in Christ!"
- B. God has and will make all things new because of the greatness of His power and plan. Salvation itself is a reversal – we were once dead in sins but are now alive unto God, Ephesians 2:1.
- C. One reason why the Gospel is called "Good News" is because of what God can do for an honest willing person. God can make all things new.

### I. The Biblical Instruction: (What we are to do!)

- A. The Christian is to walk (live) in newness of life, Romans 6:4.

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk (live) in newness of life.

Observation: By His Death and Resurrection Jesus Christ has made it possible for a person to be freed from his guilt and condemnation. Once this has happened then that person can go on to live a new type of life. He has a new outlook on life, a new motivation and a new source of power. He can live in "newness of life."

- B. The Christian is to serve in newness of spirit, Romans 7:6.

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

Observation: Now that the Christian is free to live he is encouraged to serve God. Our old "spirit" i.e. attitude of life, daily goals, etc., were all self-seeking. The believer has been changed – he can and should constantly seek to serve God.

### II. The Biblical Explanation. (How can we so live and serve?)

- A. The Christian has been made a new creature, II Corinthians 5:17.

Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new.

Observation: Here is where we must begin – we must be made new. This is what happens to one who believes on Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord – he becomes a new creature.

- B. The Christian has a new nature, Ephesians 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Observation: The Christian is a new creature because he has been remade, made anew, made holy – on the inside. His very nature has been transformed. The verse is an encouragement to constantly live in the power and perspective of the new nature.

C. The Christian is likened to a newborn babe, I Peter 2:2.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.

Observation: A newborn child has the opportunity of doing all things for the first time. What an opportunity for those of us who have been re-born. We do not need to go on making the same mistakes. One important part of our new life must be the receiving of God's Word. The reading and practice of the Bible will cause growth.

D. The Christian can come to God in a new and living way, Hebrews 10:19,20.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated (newly made) for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh.

Observation: In contrast to the symbolism and typology of the Old Testament sacrifices and temple – the New Testament Christian can come in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and bow in the very presence of God. No wonder Jesus Christ spoke of Himself as "the way" in John 14:6. We must avail ourselves of this privilege and pray.

E. The Christian has a new song, Revelation 5:9,10.

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof, for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation, and hast made us unto our God kings and priests and we shall reign on the earth.

Observation: A Christian is not only one who can receive – he can give. One of our greatest privileges is to give to God the praise, honor and glory of which He is worthy. We have a new song of praise.

F. The Christian is related to God in a new covenant, Matthew 26:28.

For this is My blood of the New Testament (Covenant) which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Observation: The New Covenant has been made by God, it is unilateral and guarantees that the believer will receive all the benefits of redemption. This should be a source of great comfort to all who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

G. The Christian has and can obey a new commandment, John 13:34,35.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Observation: The clearest and most important expression of our inner transformation is seen in love. We are to love one another as Jesus Christ has loved us. Love is a powerful testimony.

Conclusion: The Christian looks forward to all things being made new, Rev. 21:5.

He that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new . . . .

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