

All Things NEW

Revelation 21:5 - "...Behold, I make all things **NEW**..."
2 Corinthians 5:17 - "...behold, all things are become **NEW**."

With last year gone, we are reminded once again that January brings about a NEW year. New calendars, new opportunities, new challenges (such as remembering to start writing the NEW year instead of the past year on our checks and other paperwork). When we turn our attention to The Word of God, however, we are reminded of the great need, spiritually, for the "NEW" things of God in our lives. To the child of God, He gives:

- **A New Heart - (Ezekiel 36:26)** Our Sovereign God must remove the "Stony" heart and give us a heart of "Flesh". The "New heart" is sensitive to the Holy things of our Lord. The "New heart" loves the things that God loves! Do you have this New heart?
- **A New Hymn - (Psalm 40:3)** The Psalmist speaks of a song that is not learned in a class, or sung for a crowd. It is a "New song", given by God, and therefore it causes us to sing praises unto our God. Do you know this song?
- **A New Hunger - (Matthew 5:6)** Scripture proclaims that the child of God has a New hunger, and a New thirst. The Psalmist (Psalm 42:1) illustrates this new hunger and thirst as a deer panting after water. There is a new longing for God, a new pull to be in His house, and a new love for His people. Do you possess this hunger?
- **A New Habitation (Psalm 91:9)** In the 91st Psalm, the Psalmist boasts of the fact that the Lord is his dwelling place. Even while traversing through a wicked world, you and I find a "New" habitation, a secret place, a refuge, shield and buckler in Him. Is God your dwelling place?
- **A New Home (Revelation 21)** In Revelation 21 John tells of a "NEW heaven...". For the child of God, he writes in this chapter of our eternal home. A place where, "...there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4 We all rightly thank God for the blessings of life down here, but I am thankful that this is not our Home. We are pilgrims and strangers according to Hebrews 11:13. Where is your eternal home?

The religious world attempts to dress things up so that they look nice. It tries to reform, cover up, and clothe the old man in religious attire without addressing the real need - A New heart!!! God alone makes ALL things NEW!

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