

All Things New

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Revelation 21:1-7

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 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. 4 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." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life."

In Christ, we...

1. ARE NO LONGER DEFINED BY OUR PAST

2 Corinthians 5:17

... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

In Christ, we...

2. HAVE A NEW HOPE

Romans 5:2, 5

2... we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3-4... 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

1 Corinthians 15:19

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-15

13... we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

In Christ, we...

3. HAVE A NEW PURPOSE

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship (masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Mark 12:29-31

29 "The most important [commandment]," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

We are made new...

4. THROUGH DAILY SURRENDER

Luke 22:41-42

41... [Jesus] knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

John 6:38

[Jesus said] "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me."