

## All Things Have Become New – 2 Cor. 5:17

- I. Introduction
  - a. Man likes new things
    - i. If you drive down the street you will see ten stores all saying they have something new
    - ii. I got an email for a premiere tasting of a new breakfast sandwich at one of our local restaurants
    - iii. Man hasn't changed much – men of Athens - Acts 17:19-21
  - b. New things from Christmas presents
  - c. New year
    - i. Resolution
    - ii. Self improvement
    - iii. Turn over a new leaf
    - iv. Find the new you.
  - d. Our Heavenly Father is the best at everything
    - i. So He provides His Children with the best new stuff of all
    - ii. 2 Cor. 5:17 – all things are new
- II. Key Thought: As a Christian all things have become new, we have a new spiritual condition, a new way of life, a new relationship with God and promises of more new things to come
- III. A New Spiritual Condition
  - a. A new creation – Gal 6:14-15
    - i. Any other distinctions or advantages we may have or lack pale into comparison with the new reality of who we are in Christ – a new creation
  - b. A new life – Rom. 6:4 – we are born again
    - i. Free of the guilt of sin
    - ii. Free from the penalty of death
    - iii. We have turned over a new leaf and are...
  - c. A new person – Eph. 4, Col. 3
- IV. A New Way of Life
  - a. New Commandment – Love one another – John 13:34-35
  - b. Renewal of our actions and attitudes – Eph. 4:20-24; Col. 3:9-14
  - c. Man doesn't like new things – Luke 5:36-39
- V. A New Relationship to God
  - a. Access to Him and acceptance by Him – Heb. 10:19-22
  - b. A new covenant with Him – Mat. 26:28
  - c. A new song to sing – Rev 5:9-10
- VI. Promises of New things to Come
  - a. A new heaven and earth – 2 Pet. 3:10-14
  - b. A new name – Rev. 2:17
  - c. A new city – Rev. 3:12
  - d. All things new all over again in heaven – Rev. 21:1-5
- VII. Conclusion
  - a. Do you want a new start?

- b. Much better than a new year
  - c. A new you – remade, reformed, recreated and reborn by the power of God Himself
  - d. Invitation – Heb. 10:19-22
    - i. We gain access by:
    - ii. Active faith
    - iii. The cleansing blood of Jesus
    - iv. The washing of baptism
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