



I. New Things

Revelation 21:5-7 (NASB[®])

⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, **I am making all things new.**" And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." ⁶ Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. ⁷ "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son."

A. New Creature

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV[®])

¹⁷ Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new.**

B. New Name

Revelation 2:17 (NIV[®])

¹⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

1. Saul of Tarsus

1 Timothy 1:12-14 (NIV[®])

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though **I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man**, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

2. Thomas

John 20:26-28 (NIV[®])

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

C. New Heart

Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV®)

²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

II. The Eyes of a Prophet

A. Simeon

Luke 2:25-33 (NIV®)

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all people, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

B. Anna

Luke 2:36-38 (NIV®)

³⁶ There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

C. To See As They Saw –

1. Desire
2. Expectation
3. Perception — Elisha & the King of Aram

2 Kings 6:16 (NIV®)

"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

III. Our Ancient-Future Opportunity

Luke 5:36-39 (NIV®)

³⁶ He told them this parable: "No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. ³⁷ And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will run out and the wineskins will

be ruined. ³⁸ No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, "The old is better."

Hebrews 13:8 (NIV[®])

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, in our generation awaken Your people and pour out Your Spirit upon us. We thirst for Your presence in our midst. We are not content to rest at a distance, we want to see Jesus lifted up and exalted. Grant us boldness, discernment and courage to take our place in Your purposes. Strengthen us when we are weary, only Your great strength can sustain. Our trust is in you Almighty God. Amen.

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