

New Things

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The average American likes new things. If it says new on it then it greatly interests us. Sometimes we feel that certain new things will be the answer to problems we are experiencing in our lives or will give us the good feelings for which we are desperately searching. We are even willing to go into tremendous debt to have new things. Someone has said that when we buy a new home in the suburbs, by the time we pay it off, it is not a home in the suburbs any longer.

How many people do not want a new car, a new house, a new and better job, or better yet, how about stacks and stacks of new money!?

One of the catch-phrases that has become part of our culture and catches our attention is: "New and improved". I have never understood this phrase. If it is "new" then it could not have been improved. If it is "improved" then it could not be new. Yet we continue to use it.

God likes new things. He doesn't just improve them. He makes them brand new! Here is what He has promised us for the future. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'" (Revelation 5:1,5)

But new things from God are not just for the future. He makes things new now! Most importantly, He makes people new! "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

A person who trusts Jesus is not the same person refreshed or renovated, but he is a new

creation with a new family, new future, new values, new possessions, new passion, and a new way of life that arises from the transforming Spirit of God now living in him!

New things can be costly. These are new things that could not be bought with any amount of new money, but could only be purchased with the blood of Christ. “For you were bought at a price . . .” (1 Corinthians 6:20a) He paid a price we could not pay for things we need but could not have – except through Him.

You can experience new life in Christ today! Trust Him to make all things new!

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