

## WHAT NEW THINGS FOR OLD THINGS?

**2 Corinthians 5:17    Revelation 21:4-5**

**Introduction:** When we read in the Bible that "old things pass away and all things become new" upon becoming a Christian, just what all does change? There are a lot of opinions and ideas and hopes that are talked about. Just what does become old and just what becomes new?

### I. "OLD THINGS THAT PASS AWAY"

#### 1. Some things that have been taught, thought and wished that would pass away:

- A life of crime, alcohol, drug use and sin would pass away.
- Our old sinful habits and desires would vanish.
- The evil thoughts, desires and worldly wants would end.
- Ignorance and mistakes would cease.
- Old opinions, plans, desires, affections would go away.
- Unfaithfulness, stubbornness and rebelliousness would disappear.
- Corrupt principles, selfishness and all worry would pass away.
- Our old sinful nature would not bother us anymore.

#### 2. What the scripture means that will actually pass away:

- Judaism and all it has stood for is no longer God's way.
- Circumcision, temple rituals, Levitical priesthood, ceremonies and ceremonial laws and especially the law of the Sabbath are no longer needed.
- A special, privileged people with places of honor and special recognition before God.
- 1500 years of Jewish monopoly of God.
- Personal condemnation and separation from God.
- Countless other things pass away with belief in Jesus.

### II. "ALL THINGS BECOME NEW"

#### 1. Some things that have been taught and thought that would become new:

- No more sin problem.
- No more temptation to worry about.
- No more troubles and worries, they will all be gone.
- No more trials, difficulties or even sickness, all will be well all the time.

#### 2. What the scripture means that will become new:

- Every person has access to God and salvation, whosoever wants to know God, can.
- Sunday replaces the Sabbath as the day of worship.
- The heart is changed and the mind freed from the control of the flesh (Old Sin Nature).
- One can now love God more than self.
- Freedom from sin's enslavement and Satan's hold.
- Can yield willing to the teaching of God's Word and will have a thirst for it.
- Have been brought from love of sin to a love of the things of God.
- Have been set apart and consecrated to God and to be used by Him.

- Can now see God in person through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- Can see spiritual things as God sees them.
- Being changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ.
- Become aware of sin, self, and of God.
- Christ now rules in the life and not self.
- Sins have been forgiven and one has been made an heir to God.
- Restored to God by being purchased by Jesus Christ.
- Have a determination and desire to please God.
- Have eternal life and a heavenly home.
- Indwelt permanently by God's presence, The Holy Spirit.
- Have a love for Christ, God's Word, and to be with God's Family.
- Countless more changes.

## CONCLUSION:

1. People are still the same today as they want to deal with God on their own terms.
2. God has not changed either. Anybody who wants to deal with God must do so through His Son, Jesus Christ.
3. Every person who is in Christ is a changed person. Not just for a while, but permanently.
4. Take a look at yourself...If you are in Christ, there have been some drastic changes in your life. Are there such changes?
5. Jesus said, "***I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man comes to the Father but by Me...***"
6. Christians still have temptations and still yield to them from time to time. There is no rosy, carefree life. Difficulties still come.
7. However, the changes that have come to a Christian's life have come from the grace and hand of God.
8. Sometimes we forget what all God has done for us and the changes He has made in our lives. It will do us some good if we would review our Christian lives and just take a look back at what all God has done and is doing. Why not stop and give this some thought.