

THINGS THAT ARE NEW

Introduction

- 1) **Revelation 21:5** – “Behold, I make all things new”
- 2) New things can be new with respect to
 - a) **Age** (Gk. *neos*) – new year, baby, job
 - b) **Quality, form, and substance** (Gk. *kainos*) – new dress, battery, car
- 3) “New” (*kainos*) things in Christ – a new kind, superior to what came before
- 4) Notice some things in the Bible that are called “new”

I) NEW COVENANT (Matthew 26:28)

- A) New and better covenant (Heb. 8:6-13)
 - 1) Sacrifices of old covenant will **not** make worshipers perfect (Heb. 10:1)
 - 2) Sacrifice of new covenant will make worshipers perfect (Heb. 10:11-18)
 - 3) This is why the old covenant was taken away to establish the new (Heb. 10:9-10)

II) NEW CREATION (2 Corinthians 5:17)

- A) Christians are new creatures in Christ
 - 1) Baptism – die to sin and raised to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:3-4)
 - 2) Freed from sin and its condemnation (Rom. 6:5-7)
 - 3) Sin no longer our master – alive to God in Christ (Rom. 6:11-12)

III) NEW COMMANDMENT (John 13:34-35)

- A) Love one another “as I have loved you” – self-sacrificial love (Eph. 5:2)
 - 1) We love because He first loved us (1 Jn. 4:7-11, 19)
 - 2) We love one another as we are walking in the truth (2 Jn. 4-6)
 - 3) By this others will know we are of Christ (Jn. 13:35)

IV) NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH (2 Peter 3:13)

- A) Incorruptible, undefiled, never fading inheritance (1 Pet. 1:4)
 - 1) New habitation after the old has passed away (2 Pet. 3:10-12; Rev. 21:1)
 - 2) We must be diligent to be found without spot and blameless (2 Pet. 3:14)
 - 3) Beware that we do not fall being led away by error (2 Pet. 3:17)

V) NEW CART (2 Samuel 6:1-10)

- A) NOT all new ways are good ways if they are not God’s ways (Acts 17:21)
 - 1) It was the “Philistine method” (see 1 Sam. 6:7), but it was not God’s method (Num. 4:15)
 - 2) David admits and corrects error according to the “proper order” (1 Chron. 15:1-2, 12-14)
 - 3) We must do all things according to God’s proper order (Col. 3:17; 2 Jn. 9) and be watchful that we are not led astray by the ways of error

Conclusion

May all who are **new creatures** in Christ under the **new covenant** keeping a **new commandment** of sacrificial love avoid all **new carts** of error as we eagerly await the **new heavens and new earth** prepared by God for His faithful remnant of grace. Have you put on Christ in faith and baptism today?