

us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” —Heb 10:19-25

“But according to His promise we wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you wait for these, be zealous to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace.” —2 Pet 3:13

“To him who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone which no one knows except him who receives it.” —Rev 2:17

“And He Who sat upon the throne said, ‘Behold I make all things new.’” —Rev 21:5

### Discussion Questions

1. Why is “newness” a theme in the Scriptures? What are the different “new things” we find mentioned in these verses? In all of this, what is the newness that God is offering and calling us to in Christ? How does Christ’s Resurrection produce “newness” in us?
2. Progress and invention of new things are marks of American culture. There are certainly good and bad elements to this. What are good and bad aspects to this? And what is the difference between the newness that Christ offers and invites us to, and seeking novelty for its own sake?
3. How can we better be a “new creation” in Christ? How can we better live the newness of His resurrected life in us?

# NEW CREATION



## Old Testament

“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, and I showed myself their Master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD; I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” —Jer 31:31-34

## The Gospels

“Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; if it is, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”  
—Mt 9:17

“And He said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of His treasure what is new and what is old.’” —Mt 13:52

“Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”  
—Mt 19:28

“Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now.” —Jn 2:10

## Acts of the Apostles

“And they took hold of him (Paul) and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, ‘May we know what this new teaching is which you present?’. . . Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.” —Acts 17:19

## New Testament Epistles

“We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” —Rom 6:4

“. . . the new life of the Spirit.” —Rom 7:6

“This chalice is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” —1 Cor 11:25

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.” —2 Cor 5:17

“For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.” —Gal 6:15

“Put on the new man, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” —Eph 4:24

“Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He Who promised is faithful; and let