

Behold, I Make All Things New

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- [Romans 8:28](#) — We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
- [2 Corinthians 5:17](#) — So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
- [Colossians 1:26-27](#) — The mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory.
- [Romans 6:4](#) — We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.
- [Jeremiah 1:5](#) — Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.
- [Psalm 139:16](#) — Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.
- [Romans 6:8-11](#) — If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as [being] dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.
- [2 Corinthians 3:18](#) — All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.
- [Romans 5:20](#) — The law entered in so that transgression might increase but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more.
- [Acts 8:14-20](#) — Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the holy Spirit. When Simon saw that the Spirit was conferred by the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me this power too, so that anyone upon whom I lay my hands may receive the holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "May your money perish with you, because you thought that you could buy the gift of God with money.
- [Acts 19:2-6](#) — He said to them, "Did you receive the holy Spirit when you became believers?" They answered him, "We have never even heard that there is a holy Spirit." He said, "How were you baptized?" They replied, "With the baptism of John." Paul then said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid [his] hands on them, the holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.
- [Galatians 2:16](#) — [yet] who know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.
- [Luke 24:30-31](#) — And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.
- [Genesis 37-50](#) — The story of Joseph, the Patriarch being sold into slavery and later thrown into jail. But each of the events had a purpose and prepared him for future success and ability to help others.

- [2 Corinthians 4:16-18](#) — Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.
- [Genesis Ch 2-3](#) — Adam and Even are given paradise in the Garden of Eden. After they sin, they (and we as their descendants) experienced the consequences of sin
- [Isaiah 11:6-8](#) — Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat; The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall graze, together their young shall lie down; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the viper's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.
- [Romans 8:18](#) — I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us
- [Revelation 21:1,5](#) — Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then he said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true."

Words from Saints

- [St. Cyprian — On the Power of Grace to Transform](#) – St. Cyprian taught emphatically on the power of God's grace to effect dramatic change in one's life. This he did not so much by a long discourse as in a vivid description of his own experience of what God did for him. In this testimony written in 247 A.D. he describes first his condition before baptism and then turns to a beautiful description of the glorious freedom of the children of God. And I myself was bound fast, held by so many errors of my past life, from which I did not believe I could extricate myself. I was disposed therefore to yield to my clinging vices; and, despairing of better ways, I indulged my sins...But afterwards, when the stain of my past life had been washed away by means of the waters of rebirth, a light from above poured itself upon my chastened and now pure heart; afterwards, through the Spirit which is breathed from heaven, a second birth made of me a new man. And then in marvelous manner, doubts immediately clarified themselves, the closed opened... and what had been thought impossible was able to be done(Letter to Donatus, 4). [LINK1](#) [LINK2](#)
- [St Thomas — On Pride](#) — St. Thomas says that our biggest sin is pride and so serious is pride that as a remedy God permits other sins to keeps us humble.

Words from Liturgy

- [Preface of Easter IV](#) — For, with the old order destroyed, a universe cast down is renewed, and integrity of life is restored to us in Christ.
- [4th Sunday of Easter Offertory Prayer](#) — Prayer over the offerings: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Gospel Songs

- Oh What He's Done for Me
- He's Done So Much for Me I Cannot Tell It all
- I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me
- The Lord Is Blessing Me Right Now
- There's Been a Great Change Since I've Been Born