

## ***The God Who Makes Everything New***

*He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty, I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children." [Revelation 21:5-7](#)*

The Lord spoke so clearly, "I am making everything new. Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Those are go-to words for me when faced with a challenge, an ending, a new beginning, or when I'm filled with a longing that things would be different...better...less complicated...restored. Those words are more-than appropriate for the first week of the New Year...especially, perhaps, for this New Year.

Have you ever thought about what it means to worship the God who makes everything new? Among other things, it means that in God's way of working, nothing ever really stays the same. It also means that, as we trust in Him, as we submit to Him, and as we find our hope in Him, things will ultimately be alright. The one who makes everything new is the one who rules over all with His gracious hand.

Jesus came to make everything new. He proclaimed the Good News of God's Kingdom; called people to follow Him; brought renewal and transformation to a tired and worn-out world as He extended the Lord's grace and favor.

As we have begun this new year in the newness that only Christ can bring, a spiritual renewal grounded in Jesus' forgiving love, we can experience renewed joy, peace, and expectant hope. Each day we can remember that Jesus has made us into a new creation—the old is gone, the new is here, and all this is from God (see [2 Corinthians 5:17-18](#)). This reality is ours because the Lord has connected us with His Son's death and resurrection in the waters of baptism.

In what ways do you anticipate that God will be making everything new this year? And how will that newness be reflected in your life and mine? —not only for our sake because when God makes things new, that renewal ripples through friends, family, neighbors, and communities to the Lord's glory!

He is the God who makes everything new! Pray, praise, and rejoice as we get to join Him in His design to renew people by the grace and power of Christ!

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