"ALL THINGS NEW"
2 Cor. 5:17
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INTRODUCTION
1. There is something exciting and desirable about that which is NEW -- a new baby, a new car, a new home.
2. Let us not think that the old is necessarily bad or undesirable; some young people today seem to think that everything that is old and established must be done away with.
   (1) The old proven friend.
   (2) Jer. 6:16 -- "Ask for the old paths. . ."
3. We must not let sentiment keep us wedded to something old which can no longer serve its purpose, and could be dangerous and injurious.
4. Our text says, "all things are become new" with those "in Christ".
5. Let us study these new things.

I. A NEW CREATURE
   1. The person in Christ is "a new creature" -- 2 Cor. 5:17; John 3: 3 - 5.
   2. Rom. 6:4 -- "walk in newness of life".
   3. I Pet. 2:2 --"newborn babes".
   4. To appreciate the new man, let us look at the old:
      (1) THE OLD MAN
         1. He is dominated by fleshly appetites.
         2. The old man's deeds -- Col. 3: 5 - 9.
      (2) THE NEW MAN
         1. Has died to sin -- Rom. 6: 2, 7
         3. Free from condemnation -- Rom. 8:1.
         4. He bears the fruit of the Spirit in his life -- Gal. 5: 22 - 23.
         5. He seeks those things which are above -- Col. 3: 1- 3.

II. A NEW COVENANT
   1. A New Covenant was promised in the Old Testament -- Jer. 31: 31 - 34; Isa. 2: 2- 3.
   2. The first Covenant ceased because:
      (1) It accomplished its purpose -- Gal. 3:19, 16; 3: 23 - 25.
      (2) It was a shadow of the good things to come -- Heb. 10:1.
      (3) The laws was faulty -- Heb. 8:7.
      (4) It was weak -- Rom. 8:3.
      (5) The law could not give life -- Heb. 10:1 - 4; Gal. 2:16; Rom. 3:20; Gal. 3:21.
   3. When did it cease?
      (1) When Christ died on the cross -- Col. 2:14; Eph. 2: 15.
III. A NEW LAWGIVER
   1. Moses gave the Old Law -- John 1:17
   2. Christ is the new lawgiver -- John 1:17; Heb. 1: 1 - 2; Matt. 17:5; Matt. 28: 19 - 20; James 4:12.

IV. A NEW NAME
   1. Isa. 62:2

V. A NEW RELATIONSHIP
   1. The relationship is the church -- Matt. 16:18.
   2. This new relationship is clearly presented by numerous figures in the New Testament:
      (1) Family -- I Tim. 3:15.
      (3) Kingdom -- Col. 1:13.

VI. A NEW REST -- HEAVEN.
   2. Friend, are you prepared for this rest?

CONCLUSION
   1. To experience all things NEW one must be in Christ -- 2 Cor. 5:17.
   2. The way into Christ -- John 3: 3 - 5; Gal. 3:27.

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