

New Life, New Heritage, New Purpose, New Destiny (Revelation 21:5-8)

(5) And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (6) And 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 from the spring of the water of life without payment. (7) The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (8) But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

1. God is on the throne and is over your life, your family, your work, your country, and your world. You do not have to fear the past, the present, or the future. Human history has a purpose and goal. God has worked, is working, and will work everything in the future toward His ordained end and then His new and perfect beginning again. God will make all things new, including your body, soul, mind, relationships, city, country, world, and universe. The future of the true Christian is gloriously and wonderfully excellent, perfect, and grand. Are you trusting in God's power, authority, greatness, and love today? Do you enjoy the peace, rest, joy, and comfort that comes from knowing God's sovereignty in all matters? Do you look forward to this fresh new start and life forever? Do you live for and in light of this new life?
2. God is so trustworthy when He makes promises that they can be written down word for word, because they will be kept with precision and accuracy. Are you trusting in God's promises, God's holy Word, God's holy Son? When things get difficult in your life remind yourself of God's promises. Memorize God's Word now so that when temptations, trials, and testings come you will be ready and be able to stand firm in the face of them all. God will never let you down, and even those times when it may temporality seem like He has, I promise you, and He promises you, that He has not. One day you will see the goodness of His wisdom and perfect plan and purpose.
3. God desires us as His people to grow in exercising godly authority over the creation, the making of new things, listening, speaking, writing, knowing the truth, and speaking the truth. God wants us to grow in our sensitivity to and responsiveness to His voice, His Words to us, and guidance for us. Do you listen to God's Word and His Spirit in every area of your life? Spend time with God in prayer, in His Word, in silence and solitude. Cut out other voices and distractions in your life. Slow down at times and listen, listen to God.
4. God always finishes what He starts. God always starts what is good. God always finishes well, perfectly in fact. God is moving things toward a perfect ending and goal. God has existed forever in eternity past, started the creation, is fully in control of creation now, and will bring this current world to a perfect ending. God will then begin again with a brand new and perfect start that will go into eternity.
5. How bad do you want God? Do you thirst for Him? Do you want God, to know Him, to be loved by Him, to love Him, and to be with Him more than you want anything or anyone else? Do you want God's best for you? Do you want to experience God, know about God, and walk with God? Do you want to talk to Him and listen to Him? Do you want life, love life, and protect life? Do you care about other people's eternity? How bad do you want others to know God, know His love, experience Him? How would your life look differently if you really started thirsting for God today?
6. God is gracious and loving. God's gift of salvation, eternal satisfaction, and great love is free. It cost us nothing. It cost Jesus His life. The Son of God paid for the living water that we need to have eternal life. Have you turned from sin and self and put your trust in Jesus Christ?
7. God's people, Christians, the church, God's children have an eternal heritage, inheritance, and eternal blessing. We conquer in and through Christ, through our faith in Him. Our inheritance comes because we are children of God, therefore we get God and all that is His, and we get it all free. Do you live each day with a thankful heart in light of your inheritance? Do you look forward to your heritage? Keeping your mind fixed on these great promises of God will enable you to endure difficulties in this life without growing unthankful, joyless, and unhelpful. Always remember your forever fortune. Your best is yet to come.
8. Those who reject God, reject Christ, reject this great salvation will inherit what is due satan. Those who trust in satan and sin, who live in rebellion against God, who love death and take life, who worship humanity and ultimately themselves through sexual immorality, who hate the truth and live in lies, will get what they choose and what they deserve.

(16) Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb 4:16)

(17) "...behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. (18) But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. (19) I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. (Isa 65:17-19)

(1) "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. (2) Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. (3) Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;... (Isa 55:1-3)

(1) As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. (2) My soul thirsts for God, for the living God... (Psa 42:1-2)

(37) ...Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. (38) Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" (39) Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive,... (Jhn 7:37-39)

(17) For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev 7:17)

(4) For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. (5) Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1Jo 5:4-5)

(3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, (5) who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (6) In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, (7) so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (8) Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, (9) obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1Pet 1:3-9)

(16) The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (19) For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. (20) For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope (21) that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. (23) And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. (24) For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? (25) But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Rom 8:16-25)