

All Things New

Jesus is Lord

I. Everything New

Revelation 21:5 (NIV®)

⁵ 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."

A. New Covenant

Luke 22:20 (NIV®)

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is **the new covenant** in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Hebrews 10:19-22 (NIV®)

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by **a new and living way opened for us through the curtain**, that is, his body,²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 8:4-6 (NIV®)

⁵ They (the priests) serve at a sanctuary that is **a copy and shadow of what is in heaven**. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." ⁶ But **the ministry Jesus has received** is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.

B. Heavenly Realms

2 Corinthians 12:1-2 (NIV®)

¹ I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was **caught up to the third heaven**. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows.

Ephesians 1:3 (NIV®)

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us in the heavenly realms** with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 1:19-20 (NIV®)

¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and **seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms**,



Ephesians 2:5-6 (NIV®)

⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ **and seated us with him in the heavenly realms** in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 3:9-10 (NIV®)

⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to **the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms**,

Ephesians 6:11-12 (NIV®)

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the **spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms**.

C. New Jerusalem

Revelation 21:1-2 (NIV®)

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, **the new Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

❖ Hebrew transliteration --- yerushalayim

Revelation 21:10-11 (NIV®)

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me **the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God**. ¹¹ It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel . . .

Hebrews 12:22 (NIV®)

²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to **the heavenly Jerusalem**, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,

Hebrews 11:13-16 (NASB®)

¹³ All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

¹⁴ For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.

¹⁵ And indeed if they had been thinking of that *country* from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better *country*, that is, **a heavenly one**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for **He has prepared a city for them**.



D. A Deposit

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV®)

¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is **a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

Prayer

Almighty God we come in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Forgive our affinity for the world and the captivity it brings. Grant that wherever we are shaped by the world rather than by Your Word, we may be helped to recognize it and by Your power to be freed from it. Grant too that in rising to live as You have called us to live, we may demonstrate to the world a new and different way of life that once again will free the captives and show a human way of life that is worthy of You, the author of life and of humanity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.