

"BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW"

Beloved of the Lord:

What joy fills the believer's heart in anticipating the glories of the New Creation. When the earthly years are ended for ever, we shall never again repeat the oft spoken annual greeting - "Happy New Year". God Himself will greet us with His own words, saying - "Behold, I make ALL things NEW". What are some of the NEW things which HE will reveal? A few are mentioned in the book of Revelation:

1 - THERE WILL BE A NEW NAME ON US - "To him that overcometh...will I give a NEW name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it" - Rev.2:17. From the context of the letter to Pergamos, worldliness and unsound doctrine must be overcome. The reward is personally known to the receiver only and the Lord; not to others. What a secret of eternal appreciation this can be between my Lord and me! Let us covet this!

2 - A NEW NAME BEFORE US - "And I will write upon him MY NEW name" says the Lord in Rev. 3:12. This is given to the Philadelphian overcomer of whom He says - "Thou hast not denied MY name" - Rev. 3:8. What is HIS NEW NAME? Will there not be eternal ages for us to learn the added glories He has won, for ALL HIS mighty work of redemption? Let us seek to be true Philadelphians, to enjoy greater knowledge of Christ in glory!

3 - THERE WILL BE A NEW SONG IN US - "They sing a NEW song" - Rev. 5:9,10. Why a NEW song? Our perfect appreciation in that day of the Lamb that was slain, will bestow us with a perfect apprehension of HIS mighty sacrifice and His worthiness, than ever known in our earthly history! Why HE is worthy to be adored as the ONLY one in the universe, it will be our delight to sing; and what singing it will be! Our perfect comprehension of HIS sufferings at that moment will reverberate through the heavenly scene with glorious melody! All the remembrance feasts we have had on earth can not be compared to this one!

4 - THERE WILL BE A NEW HEAVEN ABOVE US - "And I saw a NEW heaven". Rev. 21:1. This goes far beyond Isaiah's prophecy of Millennial glory (Isa.65:17), into the eternal state. See 2 Pet. 3:10-12. Vast moral and physical changes are necessary before the eternal state can be brought in. In the NEW heaven there will still remain the distinction between heavenly and earthly saints. The saints of this age are to be "partakers of the HEAVENLY calling" into which we are called to enjoy today - Heb. 3:1.

5 - THERE WILL BE A NEW EARTH BENEATH US - "And I saw a NEW earth" - Rev. 21:1. The NEW earth may be the habitation of those who during the Millennial reign were alive on the earth. However close the connection between heavenly and earthly people in that day, we may from Eph. 3:20 doubt that they will be merged as one.

6 - THERE WILL BE A NEW JERUSALEM AROUND US -- "And I John, saw the holy city NEW JERUSALEM" etc. Rev. 21:2. The NEW heaven and the NEW earth are not described and of their appearance can say nothing. BUT, the two descriptive terms "holy city" and "New Jerusalem" are both used to present the Church in its eternal state of blessedness, a state deeper and unchanging than even the Millennial condition which she will share in glory when the Lamb reigns on or, over the earth - see Rev. 21:9 to 22:5.

CONCLUSION: - "SO if any one be IN CHRIST, there is a NEW CREATION; old things are passed away; behold, ALL things have become NEW" - 2 Cor. 5:17. J.N.D. Translation.

What a JOY to be "in Christ"!

*Thank so much for your card -
The Lord bless you - but please
leave that cold Canadian air
across the lake in Canada.*

*Love,
Bob John*

Faithfully yours in HIM,

W. Drankell