

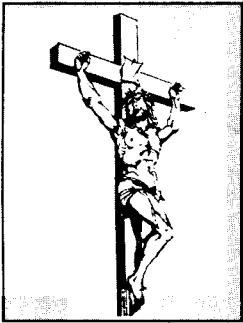


# GOSPEL MINUTES

The Gospel by Proclamation in Minutes of Meditation

## “I Make All Things New!”

*“And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he saith, Write: for these words are faithful and true”*



(Rev. 21:5). We stand at the beginning of a new year, and it reminds me that we are quite obsessed with “new things” – new clothes, new house, new car, new job, new friends. And that is not all bad. What will the new year hold you? The truth is, you just don’t know. We can plan, we can dream – but the reality of the future is beyond us.

But the Lord Jesus Christ knows the future, and if we are “in Christ,” we can have assurance that the new things we face will be under His control.

### New Testament Established

One reason that Jesus died on the cross was to take away the Old Testament: *“He hath taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross”* Col. 2:14). He did that in order to establish the New Testament. *“For there is a disannulling of a foregoing commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness (for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in thereupon of a better hope, through which we draw nigh unto God . . . In that he saith, A new covenant he hath made the first old. But that which is becoming old and waxeth aged is nigh unto vanishing away . . . And for this cause he is the mediator of a new covenant . . . then hath he said, Lo, I am come to do thy will. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all”* (Heb. 7:18-19; 8:13; 9:15; 10:9-10). Christ did not come to simply “reform” the Old Testament. He “took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross,” so that He could then establish His new covenant or New Testament, which we live under today.

### We Are Given New Life

*“Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new”* (2 Cor. 5:17). We don’t have to live as we once did, in bondage to Satan (Heb. 2:14-15), because Christ set us free (John 8:32,36). We are given new life, “in Christ.” And notice when and how that new life begins: *“Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life”* (Rom. 6:3-4). Through faith, we are baptized “into Christ” and are set free from sin: *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”* (Mark 16:16). We then are enabled by Him to walk in “in newness of life” so that we can say: *“I can do all things through Christ”* (Phil. 4:13).

A new year dawns, and with it will come many new opportunities. Most of these will be disguised as hard work. But let us determine to serve Christ, using every new opportunity that comes to further His cause in our own lives and in the lives of all those whom we touch. Happy 2006!

—CLEM THURMAN, Editor

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