



# So What's New? ...

now that you are a Christian?

## 1. A New Nature – 1 Peter 1:23 -25

“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup>For, ‘All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord stands forever.’”

*Therefore* ... “Rid yourself of ... Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.” (1 Peter 2:1-3)

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## 2. A New Way of Living – Colossians 3:1-4

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

*Therefore* ... “Put to death ... whatever belongs to your earthly nature ...” (Col.3:5)

*Therefore* ... “Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience ... put on love ...” (Col 3:12-14)

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### 3. A New Strength – Ephesians 3:14-20

“I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!”

*Therefore* ... “I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received ...” (Eph.4:1)

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### 4. A New Future – 1 Corinthians 15:1-57

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.”

*Therefore* ... “Stand firm. Let nothing move you.” (1 Cor.15:58)

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