

"God's Eternity is filled with the New"

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We all like *new things*: A new car; a new suit; a new house; new neighborhood; a new wife; a new husband; a new appliance; a new bed; a new book; new products; a new store; new jewelry; new furniture; new friends; new babies; a new fresh beginning, etc. These are just a few new things we enjoy in this life.

Thomas Edison (hardworking inventor genius) was happy when his factory/workshop burned to the ground one night. He was elated, noting that all his mistakes and failed experiments were now destroyed; he could build a new, bigger building and have an entirely new beginning.



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God gives us a new beginning when we trust Christ as our personal Savior. "For if anyone is in Christ he is a NEW CREATION; old things are passed away and all are become new" –2: Corinthians 5:17.

Our God is the author of the New Creation. He gives us new things to enjoy for all of eternity. The Apostle, John tells us this in Revelation 21.

Completely New Heaven and a New Earth: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea"-21:1. This old twisted planet will be no more, as God burns it with fire and creates a brand new one (2 Peter 3:9-12).

Completely New Jerusalem: "And I, John, saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" -21:2. The earthly city of Jerusalem has been one of the most fought over cities in the world. But God prepares a New Jerusalem, new, compared to a beautiful bride prepared for her husband.

Completely New Dwelling Place: "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God" –21:3. This is phenomenal! For the very first time since before the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, God, in all his splendor and majesty, will be able to dwell with us and among us! Will we actually be able to see God? Yes! We will live and communicate with Him each day.

Completely New Sensations: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away"-21:4. Think of how many times death and sorrow took place during Adam's 930 years on earth. We each have experienced lots of trials during our lifetime, and we shed a lot of tears. Things happen unexpectedly, many times without warnings. We are active participants of the curse we inherited from Adam. But God gives us an eternity with: no more tears, no more sorrow, no more pain, and best of all, no more death. God wipes it away!

Completely New Experiences: "And He that sat upon the throne said: Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me: Write, for these words are true and faithful" –21:5. By "all" we must conclude that God will give us a completely new creation, with completely new experiences, new sensations, new housing on a new heaven and earth. The words come from God and the promise is locked in by the word coming from the Almighty (true and faithful)! "All things new" means completely new experiences in a completely new environment.

Completely New Satisfaction: "...I will give unto him that is thirsty of the fountain of the water of life freely" -21:6b. This promise from our Savior, who said: "If anyone thirsts, let him come unto Me and drink"—John 7:37. Jesus also exclaimed: "...Whoever drinks of the water I give shall never thirst; For the water that I will give shall be a well of water springing up into everlasting life"—John 4:14b. Water is what we need each day; we cannot survive without it. There is not a single drop of water in Hell (Luke 16:24). But there is a River of Life springing forth from the throne of God—Revelation 22:1. Nothing satisfies a thirsty soul like water. Satisfaction is God's guarantee—Rom. 10:11.

Completely New Inheritance: "He that overcomes will inherit all things; I will be his God, and he shall be my son" -21:7. Some of us have never had an inheritance on earth. However, one awaits in the New Heaven and New Earth. For those who know Christ as personal Savior look for "An inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you who are kept by the power of God..." -1 Peter 1:4a. To have an inheritance one must have a relationship. We must qualify as a "Child of God" to enter into that relationship. "But as many as received Him, He gives authority to become children of God, even those who believe on His name"-John 1:12. The beauty of this is to have a Father-Child relationship with God, Himself. For this purpose God created humans on this earth, to rule the earth, to subdue and superintend God's great creation. This was lost with the fall of man; but will be restored by the power of God when we are in His presence. Are you one of His children, anxiously awaiting this blessed relationship? Call on Him today -Rom. 10:13.

A statement coined sometime ago goes like this. "The blood of Christ is sufficient for all mankind but it is efficient to only those who believe." In other words, enough blood was shed for the remission of sins for all of mankind but it is efficient to only those who accept it. To all those who call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, He is mighty to save!

-Rev. Chuck Svoboda, BRM Founder



Hot Bean and Potato Salad

- $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs Potatoes, peeled and cut into 1" cubes
- ½ lb Bacon
- ½ Cup Chopped Onions
- ½ Cup Chopped Celery
- 2 Tbsp Chopped Parsley
- 1 Can (1 lb. 15 oz) Pork and Beans drained (reserve sauce)
- 1 tsp. Dry Mustard
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1 tsp. Pepper
- 3 Tbsp. Vinegar

Cook Potatoes in boiling salted water until tender (15-20 minutes). Drain and keep warm. In large saucepan fry bacon, crumble and set aside. Add Onions, Celery and Parsley to bacon drippings and cook until soft. Add reserved bean sauce, seasonings and Vinegar. Cook over low heat, stirring until slightly thickened and bubbly. Stir in beans and heat through. Add hot potatoes and crumbled bacon, tossing lightly to coat. Serve hot. Makes about 6 servings.



Just before baking potatoes, oil the skins with Olive Oil. This makes them much tastier!

Add ½ teaspoon Baking Powder to your boiled potatoes when whipping them with an electric beater for fluffier whipped potatoes.

Pasta can be cooked ahead of time if you do not overcook it and rinse it in cold water. Put the pasta in ice water and store in the refrigerator. When ready to eat, simply put the pasta in a colander, dip it in boiling water for a few seconds and serve with your spaghetti sauce.

Put a few drops of oil into cooking water before boiling pasta and you will avoid pasta sticking together.

Instead of grating small amounts of cheese for topping casseroles, use your potato peeler instead.

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—Revelation 21:5

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Rev. David J. Bauer's Director's Itinerary



Jan. 6 Parker Road Bible Church, Mokena, IL 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Jan. 21 Devon Church, Chicago, IL 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

We have BRM team members ready to supply pulpits as needed; Give BRM a call for a good preacher! 708-579-3800/3801

On the Lighter Side: 15 Exercises We'd Be Better Off Without!

- ~ Jumping on the bandwagon
- ~ Wading through paperwork
- ~ Running around in circles
- ~ Pushing your luck
- ~ Spinning your wheels
- ~ Adding fuel to the fire
- ~ Beating your head against the wall
- ~ Climbing the walls
- ~ Beating your own drum
- ~ Dragging your heels
- ~ Grasping at straws
- ~ Fishing for compliments
- ~ Throwing your weight around
- ~ Passing the buck

A friend of mine claimed: "The only exercise I get is stretching the truth, flying off the handle, running down the boss, beating dead horses, dodging responsibility, and jumping to conclusions! I also have been known to carry a grudge."

BRM Field Report #1

Congratulations New Life Bible Church in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin! A merge proposal with another local church passed overwhelmingly in both churches. This not only gave both churches an expanded congregation, but also furnished New Life with a larger facility. New Life was able to sell their former church property quickly on the first showing. PTL

A church in central Illinois has been seeking direction from our nearby Associate, Joe Stewart. They are looking for a pastor and reached out to BRM for help. Dr. Stewart's house happens to be in a town right next to this church! We continue be in prayer for God's help for this struggling congregation.

A board member from a church board called our office dismayed over rumors that his pastor is possibly leaving early next year. There has been a communication break-down between the pastor and the church board. We will make every attempt to arbitrate between the two to keep the pastoral family in the church.

A board member contacted us about his long-time pastor of over 35 years scheduling to leave the church by the end of this year. "Oh really?" was my answer. This man has been scheduling to leave a declining church for the past several years. BRM recommended him to please just leave two years ago! We'll believe it when we see it happen! A pastor can stay too long...

Many times a pastor can be at fault in church situations. One pastor, instead of facing problems head on, chooses a "just forget about it" attitude. This has led to frustration for him and frustration for board members too. If a pastor cannot communicate his convictions, feelings or needs to the board, how will they know what is troubling him? Board members are content to just let it go. "Maybe it will go away" are the 5 most dangerous words.

May God grant each of us a fruitful New Year, looking for our Lord's soon and certain return! Titus 2:13

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer 2 Corinthians 5:17 See pics of many events on BRM Facebook!