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SERMON TITLE

New

SERIES

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KEY SCRIPTURE

Various Scriptures

SYNOPSIS

A new year reminds us of the newness available through the Lord.

HIGHLIGHTS



☞ **New**

It's a new year which reminds me of various scriptures that refer to newness.

☞ **New Compassion**

Lamentations 3:22-23

22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. 23 They are **new** every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I'm so thankful for God's compassion and mercy. There's always another opportunity to get right with God. He keeps on forgiving us as we confess to him.

☞ **New Creature**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become **new**.

If you've given your life to Christ, this verse is already true for you. You're not the same as you used to be; you're something new in this world. But there's more...

Ephesians 4:22-24

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made **new** in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the **new** self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

This is an ongoing process for each of us. None of us are perfect; none of us have "arrived;" God is still working in us to be more and more like Christ. Closely related is...

☞ **New Command**

John 13:34-35

34 "A **new** command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Armed with God's compassion and the new creature he has made us, we can begin to see...

☞ **New Concepts**

Isaiah 43:18-19

18 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a **new** thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

This was a specific prophecy for a specific time, but it speaks of God's heart for people. He wants to bring life and abundance. He wants to make a way where there seems to be no way. Lord, make this a reality for us. Help us to perceive what you are doing and give us fresh insight and ideas as we begin this new year.



And, finally, there's the great hope that we believers have...

☞ New Construction

2 Peter 3:13

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a **new** heaven and a **new** earth, the home of righteousness

Revelation 21:1-4

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. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

This day is coming soon and it is an inspiring hope for us while we wait on the Lord. Because of all of this, God is most worthy of praise. Aren't you glad for the newness available through the Lord?