# The Princeton Path Finder

All Thing New / New Beginnings

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And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

Revelation 21:5



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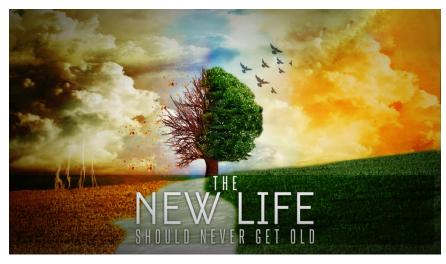
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# **All Things New**

of the joys in life often happens when we have something or someone or some events come into our lives. Sometimes it may come to us as a result of our desiring it or even asking for it from someone else. It may be a gift, unexpected and much appreciated.

Very often that new "thing" that comes into our lives will create a huge change in the way we live or the way we interact with others.

I believe that the most important new thing which could come into our lives is to have a New Beginning with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That is an element that is really new every morning. Each new day is a new beginning with Him.



Too often, I believe that we face the new day with dread, or reluctance to even start the day when we know we have a difficult or unpleasant task ahead of us in this new day. And truthfully, if we begin our new day in that manner, on our own, the day will likely be the disaster you expected it to be.

I recently read an article titled: 7 ways to Have a New Beginning with the Lord – author unknown. Each of these 7 ways included a word of wisdom from men of God from years past.

Here are the 7 ways the article listed if you want to experience a New Beginning with the Lord. And shouldn't we all desire that daily?

#### First, Love the Lord Jesus

"If you would learn to appreciate Christ more, read this book (the Bible) frequently and prayerfully." H. A Ironside

#### Second, Spend time with Him.

"I have never seen a man or woman who spent fifteen or twenty minutes alone with God every day that didn't have the dew all the while. I have never known one to backslide, either. D. L. Moody

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#### Third, Feed on Him in the Word.

"The good food is the food of the Word of God, for as food builds up the tissues of the body, repairs waste, and preserves us in health, so the Word of God is the complete food of the soul." W H Griffith Thomas

#### Fourth, Come to Christ in the Word.

"Points of truth, however interesting, scriptural knowledge, however profound and extensive, Biblical criticism, however accurate and valuable, may all leave the heart barren and the affections cold. We want to find Christ in the Word, and, having found Him, to feed on Him by faith." C H Mackintosh

When we come to the Bible merely for knowledge or guidance, it is very possible to miss the Lord. Jesus said in John 5:39-40: "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

When we come to the Bible, we must come anticipating that we will come into contact with Him and respond accordingly to what we have read.

And, as we are reading the Word, we should be talking to Him about what we are reading. It is also a time when we can confess our sins to Him. He knows them, of course, but He wants us to express them to Him. That is more than simply saying,

"Father, forgive me for my sin". Be specific - Forgive me for \_\_\_\_\_

Reading His Word can become a time of singing to Him, praising Him, and worshiping Him because of what we find in His Word. Engaging is that every day, New Beginning should be a time of intimate fellowship with our Lord.

Finally, we are encouraged to linger on small portions of Scripture. "For all reading should be joined with meditation and prayer. Read a little, pray, and meditate much." ---- -- John Wesley

When we try to read too much at one time, we are tempted to read too quickly to absorb and apply what is read. It is similar to eating a huge meal too quickly. That is not a healthy way in which to eat. We know we need to eat slower and allow our bodies to take in the life-giving food that will nourish our bodies rather than it causing harm.

As with physical eating, when we read the Word, it is more spiritually nourishing to take a small portion at one sitting. Chew on that portion, and digest it, preferably sprinkled with a prayer asking Him to help you discern that portion of the Scripture's meaning and how it applies to your life. When we chew on the Word, we are spending more time in the Word, and it most likely will "stick to our ribs" - that is, it will make a difference in the condition of our heart and mind toward our God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Lamentations 3:22-24 is one of my very favorite passages of Scripture, It speaks to the fact that the Word of God is the most vital source of strength, hope, and love we have available to us from God. And, we have it available to us new every morning. The Prophet Jeremiah writes: "The Lord's loving-kindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassion never fails. They are new every morning;

Great is Your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."

Gary K Fair

# The Beginning and the End

As I began to make preparations for my article in this issue of Princeton PathFinder with the theme of "New Beginnings", I was having difficulty with where to begin. For example, recorded in Scripture are many instances of new beginnings:

- · In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...
- · During this same beginning, He created mankind (man and woman)...

Which began the procreation of the world with thousands of new births each year (new beginnings).

- · The list of new beginnings continues all the way through Revelation.
- · And then there so many examples of new beginnings in our daily lives.

So, you can see my dilemma, as to where to begin...

After much research and prayer, I finally found my answer. I have decided to share with you an excellent article written by Jeff Strite, Evangelist with the Church of Christ in Logansport, Indiana.

**Summary:** Jesus said He was the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the 1st and the Last. What does that mean for us and how can that change our lives?

Back in 2008, there was a surprise best selling book entitled: "Not Quite What I Had Planned - 6-Word Memoirs by Writers Famous & Obscure" Notice the first SIX words of the title. "Not Quite What I Had Planned." The book essentially asked people to sum up their lives in 6 words. Amongst the entries were these:

- Stephen Colbert wrote, "Well, I thought it was funny."
- A writer from USA Today who reviewed the book offered this statement: "Dad was Santa. Downhill from there."
- Another writer summed up their life this way, "Never really finished anything, except cake."
- Someone else wrote, "Followed yellow brick road. Disappointment ensued."
- And still another commented, "Should have risked asking, he sighed." (from a sermon by Ed Sasnett)

Now the author of the book apparently didn't ask for Jesus' reply, but Jesus might have said: "I Am The Alpha And Omega." That 6 word statement literally sums up Jesus' life. ALPHA was the first letter of the Greek alphabet and OMEGA was the last of that alphabet. So, Jesus (in Revelation 22) said: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

This was literally the last "I AM" statement by Christ in Scripture. And it was how the Bible presents Jesus to us. Jesus was literally the beginning of all things:

Colossians 1:17 says that Jesus "is before all things."

And the Gospel of John describes Jesus as the "WORD" and tells us "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." John 1:1-2

So, Jesus was "THE BEGINNING" of all things... and Jesus will literally be "THE END" of all things. The last words of the book of Revelation are these: "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen. Revelation 22:20-21

Now, that's all cool stuff, but what does that all mean to us? What does it mean to us that Jesus is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last??

Well, it reminds us AGAIN that Jesus is God. The terminology used in Revelation 22 is the same that's used to describe God in several other places in Scripture.

## The Beginning and the End -Continued

**In Isaiah 44:6** GOD declares "I am the first and the last."

**And Psalm 90:2** states: "from everlasting to everlasting You are God"

And, in the first chapter of Revelation we find these words: "I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8

He is the between the Beginning and the End of time, and His story makes its way through Scripture like a common thread. So, for Jesus to claim to be the Alpha and the Omega, was for Him to declare that **HE WAS GOD** in the flesh.

And because He was God, and because He IS the "Alpha and Omega" and the "Beginning and the End" - He IS IN CONTROL because He literally has me surrounded. And because He is before and behind and all around us, that makes it so that I can TRUST Him, therefore, I don't have to be afraid.

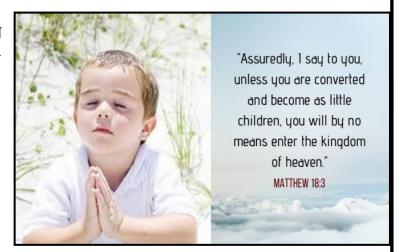
ILLUS: recently, some other preachers and I were talking about the present lock-down in our State. Some shared that many people were literally afraid because of the news they were constantly watching and hearing through social media and radio and TV. The fear was being expressed by people right here in our community, and you can understand why. But as Christians, we shouldn't let that fear control us. As Jesus tells us in Revelation 1:17-18 "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

Because Jesus is the Alpha & the Omega, the 1st and the Last, and the Beginning and the End, I don't have to be afraid... because Jesus has it all under control.

ILLUS: I have a grandson. He's handsome, and he's smart (how could he be otherwise? After all, I'm his granddad!) and whenever we're together we have a great time. But one of the things that humbles me is how much he trusts me. Some time back he was at my house for a couple hours. Now, whenever he's there I'm usually no less than about 3 ft away from him at any given time, because – after all - he is a 2 year old, and 2-year-olds can find all kinds of mischief to get into! But at one point I had to be in another part of the house for just a few minutes and I left him alone, thinking "what kind of trouble can he get into in just a few minutes?" I was wrong. I'd only been gone from the room about 5 minutes when suddenly I hear him crying out in panic. I rushed to the kitchen to see that he'd pulled a dining room chair over to the kitchen counter and had crawled

up – belly down – on the counter to reach something. And there he was - his belly on the counter, his butt in the air, and his legs dangling in space about a foot above the chair he'd used. Now he actually wasn't in any danger, but he didn't know that. All he knew was that he was stuck, and he had no way to get down. And he was afraid!

When I got there and spoke to him, he seemed to relax. And after I helped him back down to the floor, he was happy again. But WHY did he suddenly relax when I got there? Because he believed that I had things under control. He saw that I was there to protect him — he trusted me.



When Jesus said "I am the Alpha and The Omega, the Beginning and the End..." He was saying "I am NEVER FAR AWAY from you. I have this under control, and I'll always be on hand to protect you." That's how we should view the crisis we now face. It is a dangerous situation, but in Jesus we have someone who is never far away and always has things under control. In fact, that's the kind of faith that David had about God back in the Old Testament. He wrote: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me." Psalm 17:6-9

**Notice**, David faced real danger, real enemies, and the very real possibility of death. And yet he believed God had things under control... and He could trust Him. THAT's how we can view Jesus, because He IS God in the flesh.

# The Beginning and the End -Continued

So, Jesus - being the Alpha and Omega - tells us He has things under control and that we can trust Him, but in addition to that, Jesus is not only THE Alpha and Omega, and THE Beginning and End, Jesus is MY Beginning and End. He is MY Alpha and Omega. HE has re-MADE my life so my life is re-NEWED. It has re-BEGUN.

You see I could live my life without Jesus. I really could get along quite well without Him. But it wouldn't really be living, as it would be simply be EXISTING. I would simply be "getting by" with no future and no real purpose for life. But Jesus came so that my life would be changed. When I was baptized into Christ, Romans 6:4 tells me that "We were buried ... with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE." In Jesus I have a NEWNESS of life because Jesus is the BEGINNING of that new life.

ILLUS: There's a story about a little girl who proudly wore a shiny cross on a chain around her neck. One day she was approached by a man who said to her, "Little girl, don't you know that the cross Jesus died on wasn't beautiful like the one you're wearing? It was an ugly, wooden thing." The little girl thought about that for a moment and then smiled and replied, "Oh yes, I know that. But they told me in Sunday school that whatever Jesus touches, He changes."

And that was what Jesus came to do. Jesus came to **CHANGE** our lives and offer us a **NEW BEGINNING**. But Jesus didn't just come to change us and walk away. One person observed: "Alpha and Omega" means that whatever Jesus starts, he finishes. **Hebrews 12:2** says we should be "looking unto Jesus, the author and FINISHER of our faith...." And Paul reminds us that "He who BEGAN a good work in you will bring it to COMPLETION at the day of Jesus Christ." **Philippians 1:6** 

ILLUS: I've noticed that there are many craftsmen and artists in this world who do something, and then get to the point in their task where they'll say "that's good enough." It's not perfect, but it's... GOOD ENOUGH. But Jesus is not like that. Jesus is kind of a perfectionist. When He works in our lives "good enough" is never good enough. Jesus will never be satisfied with simply beginning a good work in us and then walk away saying "I'm done." Jesus is such a perfectionist that He will never stop working on us until He's satisfied.

And that's what Jesus does with us. He is constantly

working us and reworking us. Jesus will never quite be done with us, because to Jesus you and I are the most valuable pieces of art in existence, and He wants us to be the best that He can create! And ultimately, He keeps us for Himself because He loves us so much.

**As Ephesians 2:10** tells us "We are HIS WORKMAN-SHIP, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which He prepared in advance for us to do."

Lastly - Jesus is not just MY Alpha - He's MY Omega. He's not just the beginning of my new life, He is the END... the completion of my existence. In other words - ultimately we will be a FINISHED PRODUCT. As Ephesians 5:25-27 tells us "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."



Now, there are some people who have difficulty understanding what that means. Many believe that the "finished product" is based on their OWN righteousness. But that's not what is said here. The passage in Ephesians 5 says that Jesus GAVE Himself up for the church. Jesus sanctified her. Jesus cleansed her. HE DID THE WORK... not us. You can't buy ticket to get in because of your "sinlessness" because it doesn't exist.

I'm reminded of the parable Jesus told about two men who came to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee (the very epitome of righteousness and holiness) and the other — a Tax Collector (the lowest rung on the moral ladder in Israel). Jesus said that the Pharisee prayed this way "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." (Luke 18:11-12) In other words, the Pharisee bragged to God that he'd never sinned as badly as the tax collector.

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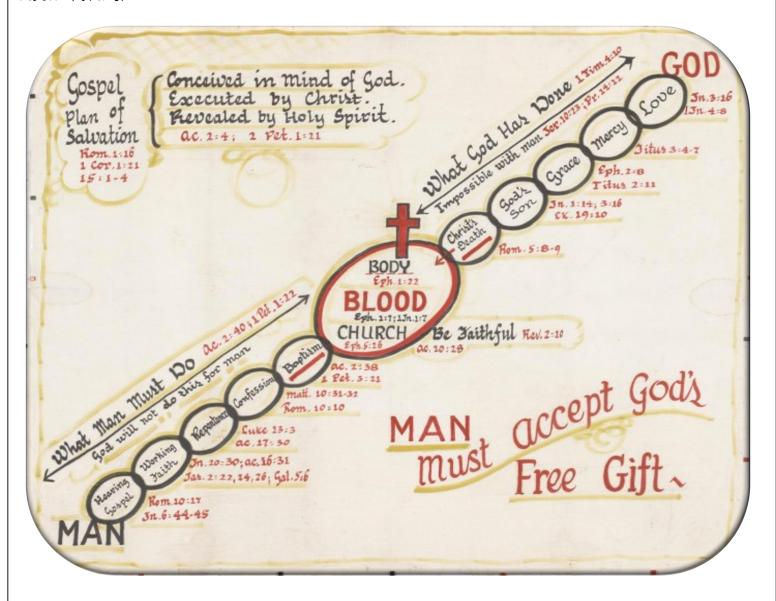
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But then, Jesus said, the Tax Collector prayed: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' And Jesus said "I tell you, this man (the tax collector) went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." **Luke 18:13-14** 

Now, here's the deal — you and I WILL NOT get into Heaven because of how righteous WE ARE. We'll only get into heaven because of how righteous JESUS IS. It's all about Jesus. If Jesus is not your ALPHA & OMEGA; if Jesus is not your BEGINNING & END; if Jesus is not your FIRST & LAST priority you and I will not make it in through the gate. To depend upon our righteousness is a fool's game. Scripture says our righteousness will be like filthy rags unless we are washed in the blood of Christ.

We do that by believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. That He is our Alpha and Omega. And we do that by acknowledging that our own righteousness isn't enough because we've sinned and fall short of God's glory... therefore we need to repent of our sins and rely on Christ's righteousness. And we are washed in the blood by confessing that Jesus is now our Lord and Master — He's the one that we rely upon and trust. And lastly, we do this by allowing ourselves to imitate Christ by dying to our sins and being buried in the waters of baptism... and then rising up from those waters to walk in newness of life.

#### Robin Fortner



# Behold the New Has Come

od is making all things new,
and He has already started His
work already with you.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

The very first words of the Bible show the God who created all things. The rest of Scripture echoes this truth by reiterating that you are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God (Psalms 139:14). Jesus comes into the world as the firstborn of all creation (Colossians 1:15) and with Him a New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34, Luke 22: 14-23) for those who Follow Him. After His death, burial, and resurrection He pointed to the hope of His return and a promise to make all things new.

Between the initial creation and the new creation, there is a lot of time and space. You would not be alone in growing weary while waiting. The idea of a glorified body with no more tears, sickness, or pain in a new heaven and new earth, where the lion lies down with the lamb, seems so foreign, mysterious, and unattainable. Like Abraham wandering in the wilderness, chasing a promise of a kingdom, and longing for a child, so you might feel that you won't live to see the promises fulfilled.

But you have already seen the beginning of the promise. You have been given a greater gift than Abraham ever had. You have received Christ. You have God's Word recorded for you in Scripture. When you heard the Gospel, Confessed Him as Lord and Savior, Repented of your sinfulness, and washed away your sins in Baptism you now have the long-awaited Holy Spirit living inside you. You are a new creation, a glimpse of things yet to come.

#### Do People Really Change?

It is easy to fall into the fallacy of thinking that nothing ever changes. As Solomon said at the end of his life, "There is nothing new under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 1:9) It's true. Every day you wake up is going to be similar to the day before. The grueling cycle can be discouraging if not outright devastating. If you have ever tried to help someone out of a habitual problem then you have probably found yourself thinking that people cannot change. Maybe you even feel that way about yourself and the sin that so easily besets you.



The truth is that any change that actually does take place happens gradually. It is difficult to see how much you have changed because it happens slowly over time and you forget the progress you have made. But you are **BEING** transformed into the image of Christ. You just have a really long way to go from who you are, to who you will be.

However, there are significant changes that have already taken place in the life of a believer. You are a new creation and you can be greatly encouraged when you see the work that Christ has already begun in you and it can inspire you when you know how that change will eventually work out.

#### You Are New

When you first put your faith in Jesus Christ, something drastic happened. You were born again. You, who were once dead in your trespasses and sin, were brought to life. Your eyes were opened for the first time and you were able to see the truth that set you free. It was like a lightbulb went off in your brain. The Holy Spirit rushed into your life and you became a new creation.

Maybe it has been a long time since you've thought through the implications of what Christ has done for you. It might even feel like the novelty has worn off and the excitement about your faith is gone.

Part of your struggle is that you have brand-new software (mind) stuck in the old hardware (body). Your flesh and your heart may fail, but God is the strength of your heart. These bodies are just temporary vessels. One of the pieces of evidence that you have changed is that you no longer feel at home in your own flesh (this world). You are aware of the struggle and you long for Christ's work to be completed in your body.

# Behold the New Has Come (Continued)

#### You Are Reconciled to God

John Newton was a slave trader before he came to Christ. During that time, he was unhappy with himself. He knew something was wrong, but he couldn't quite put his finger on it. God had mercy on him and over time he realized his need for a savior. It wasn't an immediate change, but after Christ began a new work in him, he grew disgusted with his sin. He left the slave trade to go into the ministry and eventually penned the hymn 'Amazing Grace.'

Newton understood what it meant to be an enemy of God. You might not feel like you've done anything as bad as selling slaves, but this is the starting point for every true believer. It's not about comparing yourself with the world's worst offenders, it is about comparing your righteousness with God's righteousness. When you do that, you are crushed.

The Bible says that in your sins you are an enemy of God, but it was while you were still sinning that Christ died for you to reconcile you back to God. The only way that you could have the right relationship with God is by humbling yourself, asking for God to forgive you, and trusting in the work of Jesus Christ to save you from your sins.

Something happens when you are reconciled to God. You are not only forgiven of your sins, but you are given a righteousness that you could never earn. Christ, became sin for you so that you could receive His righteousness. This cannot be emphasized enough. Your righteousness exceeds that of the angels in heaven because your righteousness is

God's righteousness. If you are a believer, then you are adopted into God's family. You are a joint heir with Christ, and you will reign with Him in all eternity in the new heaven and the new earth.

John Newton once said this about his righteous standing with Christ. "I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world, but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am"

The Apostle Paul states it like this in Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



#### **Your Desires Have Changed**

Spurgeon described this idea of becoming a new creation as a pig turning into a man. If you put a fancy dinner on a table and a bucket of slop on the floor, the pig would choose the bucket every time. But if that pig were immediately turned into a man, he would gag at the slop. If you think that's gross, remember the proverb that says a dog returns to his vomit, so a fool repeats its folly (*Proverbs 26:11*).

When you were made new, your desires changed. You recognized that sin had blinded your eyes to the goodness of God, and you learned to hate what God hates. When you stop and realize how much God loves you, to give His only Son to die in your place, you discover your true worth. You are aware of how holy God is and how sinful you are. You begin to detest your sins, confessing them to God and beg for His forgiveness. Grace has captured your heart and you long to please your Savior.

When you have tasted the mercies of God, you cannot return to the bucket of slop anymore. Like the disciples, when Jesus talked about being the bread of life, many abandoned Him. But the twelve, led by Peter, proclaimed, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68-69).

# Behold the New Has Come (Continued)

#### A New Perspective on Life

Because you have been reconciled to God, now you are given the ministry of reconciliation. You know what it's like to be a slave to sin. You have experienced the life-changing love of God. Therefore, you ought to love one another as Christ has loved you. And if you need any further motivation, just consider the cross again and remember what Christ suffered on your behalf. No one has ever offended you as much as you have offended God. And no one has ever loved you as much as God has loved you.

# CHANGE TAKES TIME.

It takes time for the seeds
to begin growing within,
time to understand and process,
time for the growth to mature,
and time for the old self to
die and fall away.

This newfound perspective can also give you strength and perseverance in tackling sin. The closer you draw near to God the more your sin will start to tug at your heart. But you have a new power. You have a new desire. You have a new knowledge of sin's destructive power. You have an awareness of the joy in conquering sin. Lay aside the weights and the sin that so easily besets you and look to Jesus the author and finisher of your faith.

All of this is just a foretaste of what is yet to come. You are a new creation, and when Christ returns, you will have a new body. Press on, persevere, and proclaim the gospel to all who will listen. God is making all things new, and He has already began His work in you.

~Aaron Jones

#### **Better Than New**

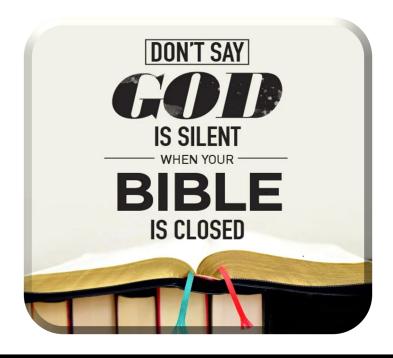


These are all sales tactics to get you to buy the newest and latest things, a computer, or the newest phone. While it is always fun and amazing to get the newest computer or phone they don't stay new very long. They become old, worn down, not useful, and worse they have to be charged all the time.

The Bible on the other hand NEVER gets old. The information inside is as useful today as it was some 2,000 years ago. In (2 Timothy 3: 16-17) it says, "All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." The best thing is when you tap into or get plugged into the Word of God that it will RECHARGE YOU! In (Psalm 19:7) it says," The law of the Lord is perfect, Reviving the soul".

We simply need to be plugged into the Word of God and have our systems recharged and revived. While it is not a new book, the thing is whether you get a bible from a Goodwill store, a yard sale, or a brand new one, the information is still just as alive as it was when it was written.

Eric West



### **New Enthusiasm**

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days.

When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.

Also, in those days the nobles of Judah were sending many letters to Tobiah, and replies from Tobiah kept coming to them. For many in Judah were under oath to him, since he was son-in-law to Shekaniah son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam son of Berekiah. Moreover, they kept reporting to me his good deeds and then telling him what I said. And Tobiah sent letters to intimidate me.

After the wall had been rebuilt and I had set the doors in place, the gatekeepers, the musicians and the Levites were appointed. I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most people do. I said to them, "The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses."

Nehemiah 6; 7

I have noticed a lot of NEW things around PCC lately or should I say re-NEWed things. After all there is nothing new under the sun just old things re-NEWed until the NEW Heaven and NEW earth arrive.

When Nehemiah was called by God to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem the work was accomplished in just 52 days! How could such a small workforce accomplish such a monumental feat? Because God put it in the hearts of men to take responsibility for the work that was directly in front of them.

Above the Horse Gate, the priests made repairs, each in front of his own house. Nehemiah 3:28

Recently I have noticed the great revival and re-NEWal at PCC.

I see re-NEWed love for our church family. Anytime someone has a need you all come together to meet that need. You are to be commended.

I see a re-NEWed love for God's word. From the day it was founded PCC has always been a Bible believing, Bible studying, and a Bible teaching church. Our Bible classes are in depth and often college level. The increased participation in our Sunday School and Wednesday night bible class show a re-NEWed hunger for the knowledge and wisdom of God's word. It encourages me to see my brothers and sisters seeking to be equipped by the word, that they might live lives worthy of their calling.

I see re-NEWed resolve in the men of our church to be leaders.

For 2 years we have journeyed together through the Resolution For Men, challenging, encouraging and holding each other accountable to be spiritual leaders in the home, the church and the community. I look forward to our next study, Becoming Effective Church Leaders.

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# New Enthusiasm (Continued)

I see re-NEWed compassion for the hurting and needy. Our SOS ladies have shared the love of Jesus with many through their card and prayer ministry. And the rubber meets the road with benevolence and mentoring ministry for single mothers. This is sharing the practical way.

As for me, your faith and commitment re-NEW me daily. It is a pleasure to serve as your deacon. As for the work that is directly in front of me, you re-NEWAL, re-NEW's my desire to continue my pursuit in Biblical education so that I am better equipped to serve and equip you, so that we can evangelize and equip others.

Your faith and commitment re-NEW my vision for our congregation. I envision the day when PCC hosts events like WVCI to train church leaders and when we send out men as supply preachers to struggling congregations. And a time when we invite sister churches in for 5th Sunday Fellowship.

#### A Living Sacrifice

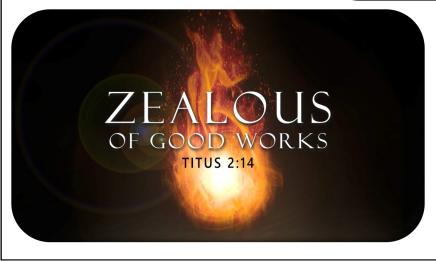
Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2

Continue in the word, re-NEWing your minds and encouraging each other in the faith.

#### Ron Smith





# **Jumpstart To Your New Beginnings**

#### **Opportunities To Connect With Us**

Sunday School - 9:30 am The Tabernacle

Morning Worship - 10:30 pm

Sunday Prayer Meeting - 5:30 pm A Special Time to Talk to God and Intercede on Others Behalf

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 pm Investigating Jesus Series

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:00 pm The Godhead Bible Study Series

# **Monthly Events**

# FRIENDS & FAMILY •• SUNDAY

#### Held Every First Sunday Of The Month

We encourage everyone to invite their friends and family to join us in worship. Excellent time for visitors to feel comfortable attending as they will most likely will not be only new faces there, thus not felling singled out.

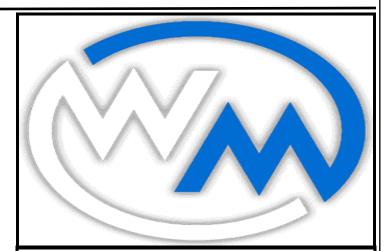


Serving Our Savior Women's Ministry Group

#### S.O.S Women's Ministry

Meets Every First Tuesday Of The Month at 6 PM
At Church Fellowship Area (Handicap Accessible)

Meal and or Snacks Provided



## WatchMen Men's Ministry

Meets Every Second Saturday Of The Month at 8 AM
At Church Fellowship Area (Handicap Accessible)

(Manly Sized) Breakfast Provided



# The Princeton Path Finder

Spring

All Thing New / New Beginnings









Connect to God through faith in Jesus Christ and to the local Church. We want to help people discover what it means to have life through an authentic connection to God and His Church.

Grow in relationship with God (vertically) and in relationship with other Christ-followers (horizontally). A true sign of life is constant growth. Our hope is that people will learn to know and live in response to God's love.

by recognizing and utilizing each person's God-given hardwiring. Our desire is to walk with people in discovering how God has uniquely equipped each one to strengthen Christ's Church and bring joy to their souls.

Reach those far from Christ, locally and globally, with the good news we have in Jesus Christ and inviting them to know and follow Him. Our desire is to equip people so they can confidently declare and demonstrate their faith in Jesus Christ through words and deeds.



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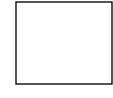
# our mission



Engage with the lost Establish in the faith Equip to serve Empower to go



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