

FIVE *New* THINGS GOD GIVES

NEW RELATIONSHIP

Our lives are new when we have a personal relationship with God. Having a personal relationship with God brings a profound transformation to our lives in how we act, speak, and the things we long to do. As it says in 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV), "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

NEW CITIZENSHIP

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are granted a heavenly citizenship, where our hearts find a forever home in the embrace of God's love and grace. As Philippians 3:20 (NIV) beautifully reminds us, "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

NEW FAMILY

God's boundless love extends to envelop every believer, knitting our hearts together in a new family, where the bonds of faith transcend earthly boundaries, offering support, love, and unity. Ephesians 2:19 (NIV) affirms this truth, saying, "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household."

NEW PURPOSE & POWER

When we open our hearts to God's grace, He showers us with a new purpose, igniting our souls with the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. With this divine energy, we embark on a journey filled with meaning and the ability to overcome life's challenges, as Acts 1:8 (NIV) assures us, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

NEW HOPE

In Jesus, we are blessed with a living hope that transcends the limits of earthly desires, a radiant beacon of assurance that fills our hearts with unwavering joy and promise. As beautifully expressed in 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV), "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE
