

New Beginnings

We've all experienced the excitement and even anxiety of starting something new. Maybe it was the excitement of a new school year, a new job, starting your life together as a new married couple. There is the birth of a child and the complete change of perspective which accompanies that. Things seem different, strange, exciting, and there's the feeling everything is new and full of possibilities. There's a surreal feeling that your world is different, you see and notice things you never did before.

How about the biggest of all: changing from being lost and on the road to eternal torment and destruction, to a new beginning as someone who is saved and on the road to an unimaginably wonderful eternity in heaven?

We can embrace and enjoy new beginnings or we can dread and loathe them, dwelling in anxiety.

The tree has now come down and soon the house will be removed and construction begins. We will enter into a new beginning with our physical building which we hope will be an exciting change resulting in more souls in heaven. We can help our neighbors make their new beginning and hopefully we will all determine to use this occasion to start fresh.

If you have been holding out and haven't really been "all in" as a Christian, it's a great time for your new beginning. If you have never become a Christian the way the Bible says, then today is a great day to make that beginning and experience the "peace that surpasses understanding" (Phil. 4:7 NKJV).

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new (2 Cor. 5:17 NKJV).

So how do we get "in Christ"? The Bible says we are baptized into Christ.

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death (Rom. 6:33 NKJV)?

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Gal. 3:27 NKJV).

Start your new beginning today!

For the elders,
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