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INTRODUCTION:
Everything about a Christian should be new!

What has passed away?

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--Our old condemnation (Jn. 5:24; I Jn. 3:14; Rom. 8:1)

--Our old fears (Heb. 2:14-15; II Tim. 1:7)

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(Ps. 33:3, *40:3, 90:1, 98:1, 144:9, 149:1; Rev. 5:9, 14:3)

--We inherit a new Heaven and earth
(II Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1-5)

--We wear a "new name" ("Christian")
(Rev. 2:17, 3:12; cp. Is. 62:2)

--We participate in a New Covenant (Promise)
(Jer. 31:31; Mt. 26:28)

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Now that we are saved, we can:

--Walk in <u>newness</u> of life! (Rom. 6:4)

--Serve in <u>newness</u> of Spirit! (Rom. 7:6)

***If you belong to Christ, you have:**

I. A NEW <u>FAMILY</u>
(A change by my <u>Adoption</u>)
*Being Born again
(Jn. 3:1; I John)

II. A NEW <u>FUTURE</u>
(A change in my <u>Assurance</u>)
*Having eternal security
(John 10:27-30; I Peter 1:3-5)

III. A NEW <u>FOOD</u>
(A change in my <u>Appetite</u>)
*Knowing the Bible, the Word of God
(I Peter 2:2; Matthew 4:4; Job 23:12)

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(A change in my <u>Allegiance</u>)
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--In full surrender (Romans 12:1-2)
--In believer's baptism (Mt.28:19-20; Acts 8:35-39)

V. A NEW <u>FIGHT</u>
(A change in my <u>Adversity</u> and <u>Adversaries</u>)
*Overcoming trials (James 1:2-12)
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(Acts 2:41-47; Hebrews 10:24-25)

VII. A NEW <u>FRUITFULNESS</u>
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and the fruits of service (John 15:1-17)

CONCLUSION:

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