

THE POWER OF THE NEW!

Scripture used: [Luke 22:20 \(TLB\)](#); [2 Corinthians 5:17 \(GW\)](#); [Ephesians 4:22–24 \(NLT\)](#)

OVERVIEW

As we step into a new year, Pastor Dennis Logie invited us to reflect on God's deep and enduring love for *new beginnings*. Drawing from more than 50 years of ministry—and from personal family stories—he framed “the new” not as a fleeting feeling tied to the calendar, but as a core feature of life with God. This message reminded us that God is always doing something new—through covenant, transformation, and calling. While change often feels like loss and can provoke fear or overreaction, Scripture shows us that new life in Christ is not something to resist, but something to embrace. From communion and baptism to daily obedience, God continually invites us into renewal, hope, and purpose.

KEY POINTS

1. **God is a God of new beginnings.** Communion represents a new covenant—a binding agreement of grace and relationship between God and His people. [Luke 22:20 \(TLB\)](#)
2. **In Christ, we are made completely new.** Following Jesus isn't self-improvement. It's transformation. Our old identity no longer defines us. [2 Corinthians 5:17 \(GW\)](#)
3. **God replaces what is old with what is life-giving.** God promises to give His people new hearts and new spirits. Inner renewal, not just behavior change! [Ezekiel 36:26](#)
4. **All change—even good change—feels like loss at first.** New seasons disrupt habits and challenge familiarity. Paul encouraged believers to put off the old and embrace the new life God provides. [Ephesians 4:22–24 \(NLT\)](#)
5. **New life in Christ gives us hope and direction.** Baptism symbolizes dying to the old life and walking forward in resurrection power and living hope. [Romans 6:4 \(GNT\)](#) [1 Peter 1:3 \(GNT\)](#)
6. **Every day with God is a new song.** Life with God includes new highs and lows, challenges and opportunities—but always fresh grace. [Psalm 40:3 \(NIV\)](#)

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - God is constantly at work making things new—within us and around us. Why do we often resist change, even when it comes from God? What old habits or familiar patterns might you be clinging to that God is asking you to release? How can fear of the unknown keep us from stepping into the new life God offers?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - According to [2 Corinthians 5:17](#) and [Ephesians 4:22–24](#), what does God say we must put off—and what does He make new in us? What is one “old” thing God may be asking you to release in this season and what “new” work do you sense He wants to grow in its place?
- 3) **DO** - This week, intentionally welcome God's new into your life. Pray each morning with expectation: “*Lord, show me what You are doing today.*” Take one step—small or large—of obedience that reflects trust in God's renewing work, and allow Him to write a new song in your life.