

Jesus Makes All Things New (Part 7)
Fill Your New Year with Hope
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*Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten,
and everything is new.*

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 CEV

"I make all things new." - Jesus

- Revelations 21:5 KJV

THE BIG IDEA:
Jesus makes all things new.

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely HUMBLE and GENTLE; be PATIENT, BEARING with one another IN LOVE. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3 NIV

FOUR KEYS TO KEEPING UNITY IN TIMES OF DISCORD:

1. HUMILITY

Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and find rest for your souls. - Matthew 11:29 NLT

Ask yourself: Are you willing to serve others, looking out for others' interest above your own?

"He must increase, but I *must* decrease." - John 3:30 NKJV

2. GENTLENESS.

... Do this [*apologia*: give a reasoned answer/ argument] with GENTLENESS and respect.
- 1 Peter 3:15b NIV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, KINDNESS, goodness, faithfulness, GENTLENESS and self-control. - Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

... Clothe yourselves with compassion, KINDNESS, humility, GENTLENESS and patience.
- Colossians. 3:12b NIV

3. PATIENCE

"A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel."
- Proverbs 15:18 NIV

Ask yourself: Do you find yourself impatient with the slowness of change in other's lives?

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” - Matthew 7:3-5 NIV

“God’s readiness to give and forgive is now public. Salvation’s available for everyone! We’re being shown how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life, and how to take on a God-filled, God-honoring life. This new life is starting right now and is whetting our appetites for the glorious day when our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, appears.” - Titus 2: 11-13 MSG

4. **BEARING IN LOVE**

BEARING with one another in LOVE. - Ephesians 4:2b NIV

“Bearing with one another...” *anechomai*: to hold up, endure with, put up with, listen to

BEAR WITH EACH OTHER and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues PUT ON LOVE, which binds them all together in perfect unity. - Colossians 3:13-14 NIV

The visible sign of Jesus in Seattle is *ANECHOMAI*.

“If you judge people, you have no time to love them.” - Mother Theresa

Above all, LOVE... - 1 Peter 4:8 NIV

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through LOVE. - Galatians 5:6b NIV

Relationship *anechomai* 101:

- 1) Pray & say, **“I’m sorry.”**
- 2) Pray & say, **“I forgive you.”**
- 3) Pray & **get help.**

Jesus is the emulsifier in our relationships.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of UNITY among yourselves AS YOU FOLLOW CHRIST **JESUS**. - Romans 15:5 NIV