

# Looking Forward—Things will change.

## Sermon Notes

January 26, 2020

**Image #1**—March 8<sup>th</sup> is First Sunday!

**\*Illustration:** March 8<sup>th</sup>- Things will change!

Picture 1- Outside picture

Picture 2- The lobby.

Picture 3- The Family Check-in

Picture 4- The auditorium

Picture 5- The seating chart of the new auditorium.

Image #2- Open House March 4<sup>th</sup> 6-7p.m.

*Change can be exciting or fearful.*

*Is it merely preference or is it absolute?*

*What is biblical--to remain the same or to seek change?*

**Hebrews 13:8** *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”*

**Psalms 33:3** *“Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.”*

**Psalms 96:1** *“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.”*

**Psalms 40:3** *“He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.”*

**Lamentations 3:22-23** *“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*

**Revelation 5:9** *“And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.’”*

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*

**Galatians 6:15** *“Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.”*

**Romans 6:4** *“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”*

**Acts 5:20** *“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”*

### **Becoming new. Romans 12:1-2**

- See life through the lens of God’s great mercy. (1a)
- Called to give up my rights to lead my life. (1b)
  - It’s not about me—it’s about God and him using me to benefit others.
  - It’s about surrendering all—even that which is most precious to you.
  - Each day is a new day to make that decision.
  - He is making us holy—set apart for a special purpose.
  - That is how we worship him daily—new life!
- Be transformed (change) not conformed (same). (2a)
  - Conforming is merely a spirit of compliance to whatever is around you. No effort to change.
  - Transformation happens by a daily renewing of the mind—how you think.
- Living for him to be changed by him helps us know where to go! (2b)

### **Embracing change.**

1. Pleasing God requires a **new perspective**.
  - Seeing things through the mercy of God to you and others.
2. Knowing God’s will requires a **new mind**.
  - A daily commitment to fill the mind with the things of God as opposed to being guided by the whims of culture.
3. Becoming more like Jesus requires a **new attitude**.
  - Faith comes alive when we get out of the rut and welcome God stretching us to be used for his glory!