



Trail Guide -- Week of September 21, 2020 –

“See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19)

The word “new” can have a temporal meaning (*neos*), as in new versus old; or it can have a qualitative meaning as in “never before existed” (*kainos*). In the New Testament, the second meaning is the predominant one. New teaching; new covenant; new wine and new wineskins; new life; new creation; new commandment; new self; and in Revelation chapter 21, verse 5, the creative work of our Creator God who declares, “Behold, I make all things new!” Everything and everyone that God touches is made new. For people, there is one caveat: we welcome God’s “make-all-things-new” touch, or transformation.

As you read the scripture passages this week, to what and to whom is this “never-before-existed” qualitative newness being applied? Where and how in your life have you experienced the “new” that God offers to us, and calls us to?

Have a blessed week – and may God use you to be a blessing to others!

Monday 9/21 - [Hebrews 8:1-13](#) - While contrasted with the “old” covenant, the “new” is also qualitatively different! How?

Tuesday 9/22 - [Mark 1:21-27](#) – New teaching. What makes it new?

Wednesday 9/23 - [John 13:34-35](#) – New command.

Thursday 9/24 - [Acts 5:17-21](#) – New life

Friday 9/25 - [Galatians 6:15](#) – New creation

Saturday 9/26 - [Ephesians 4:20-24](#) New self

Think of those who have served Christ and who have helped you to grow in your faith. Say a prayer of thanks for them, and write them a note! Ask God to help you be this sort of sister or brother who will be the recipient of such a note!

We still need volunteers to help in our “indoor” worship: with greeting, ushering, and more in the weeks ahead.