



# Everything New Under the Son

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It was King Solomon who wrote in Ecclesiastes 1:9: “What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.” *The Lutheran Study Bible* explains, “Generations, winds, waters, and even heavenly bodies simply repeat their circuits. We keep searching for something new with meaning and purpose, but life has meaning only in the redemption in Jesus Christ.”

Recently, Kent and I were guests at a wedding. As the service progressed, I began to realize that the wedding service and vows have remained the same over the years. Of course, music styles may have changed, and a number of couples now write their own vows, but God’s Word and instruction remain the same for marriage and family life. I noted also that references from Genesis 2:18–25; 1 Corinthians 13; and Mark 10:6–9 are still being read and applied to marriage.

In many ways, truly, “nothing [is] new under the sun,” but Christians can confidently add these words: “everything is new under the Son.”

Indeed, our Lord does have a plan for marriages and families of today. His Word is clear as to what He expects of a man and a woman as they commit their lives to each

other. He plans for newness in forgiveness, in openness, and in love — “everything under the Son” is gloriously new!

In fact, blessed by Christ’s grace, our marriages serve as models for the community around us of the relationship between Christ and His Bride, the Church, whom He saved by His death and resurrection.

The many challenges we face today are not so different from those always faced by other generations — financial worries, job security, health issues, worldly influence. The only one sure thing is God’s Word. It remains the same! Change is inevitable, but God does not change; He is the constant for us. It is through His Word that we learn applications for our daily living and find that “everything is new under the Son.”

What is my word for couples and families of today?

- **Each day remember your Baptism.**
- **Keep a daily appointment with the Father in His Word.**
- **Nurture your children’s faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.**
- **Remember that “everything is new under the Son” and nothing can separate you from His love.**

My prayer for you is that you see each day as new, a fresh beginning, a clean start — a day to bring praise to our Lord and to honor and cherish those you hold most dear to your heart!



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*And they realized they had been with Jesus ...  
“For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:13b, 20 (NKJV)*