



Making All Things New

I love new beginnings! That is just one of the reasons I love the life of the university and its rhythm of beginnings and endings each year. I've come to view the start of each new academic term as nothing less than a gift of grace. This cycle of necessary endings and fresh starts offers us restoration and renewal.

In the same way, the joy of celebrating the arrival of a New Year is not found merely in the fireworks, festivities, and food, or even in the football, as enjoyable as it all is. Rather, New Year's Day is a grace-filled moment as we remember the prior year—the good and the hard, the successes and the disappointments—and as we begin the new year with renewed confidence and hope in the promise of God's

future.

In Revelation 21, John shares the remarkable image of the dawning of the new age. It is an amazing scene and at the climax, God proclaims: “Look, I am making all things new!” That is the promise of every New Year. God offers renewal and restoration and He invites us to join in His grand project to make all things new!

As we begin the new year—2020!—may we find peace and hope in God’s love and may we commit anew to join in God’s work of renewal and restoration on our campuses, in our communities, and around the world.

“He who was seated on the throne said,
‘Look, I am making all things new!’” (Revelation 21:5)

Happy New Year!

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