

A NEW KIND OF LIFE

Part 2: New Expressions

ALL THINGS NEW AND YET...

- Spiritual differences
 1. New creation, new family, new kingdom
 2. And yet our environment has not changed
- New expressions
 1. The old way
 2. The new way (*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV*)

A DIFFERENT EXPRESSION IN PRISON

- A dark painful place (*Acts 16:25-34 NKJV*)
 1. In the inner prison - the darkest
 2. There was plenty to overcome in order to be praying and praising God
- Making the connection with God
 1. To Paul and Silas God was bigger than their situation
 2. This expression was something developed
 3. God moved on their behalf
- Their expression was a witness
 1. The other prisoners were listening
 2. The jailer made the connection between God and the earthquake

NEW LIFE EXPRESSIONS

- Rejoicing, praying and giving thanks is not the easy path
 1. Often no help from environment and feelings
 2. The sacrifice of praise (*Hebrews 13:15 NKJV*)
- These new expressions are a great connection to God
 1. We are acknowledging that we are not alone
 2. Magnifies God as bigger/greater/stronger (*Psalms 69:30 NKJV*)
- These new expressions are a great witness
 1. A witness to a world that is dark, fearful and negative
 2. A witness to us - reminding us we are part of an eternal kingdom