

In Messiah, we as Believers have left old things behind.



¹⁷If anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; old things have passed away...all things have become new...²¹that we [our spirit] might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:17, 21

Old Things Have Passed Away

Did you know that the biblical new year is just two weeks away? God's new year starts annually in the spring at the new moon, two weeks before the festival of Passover. It practically makes sense that a new year would start in the spring when things begin to come alive again. YHWH is communicating things to us as we learn about and practice His calendar. His calendar starts with redemption correlated to the spring festivals.

At the new year, it is important for me to focus on what is ours because of our covenant relationship with Yeshua. This week, I'll focus on the old things that

have passed away. Just what are these old things that have passed away? Here are a few things that come to mind.

1. We were under **condemnation** before God.
2. We were **powerless** before sin (at the heart level) and satanic attacks. We had no ability to challenge them. We had no power to resist sinful promptings in our heart (anger, bitterness, lust, pride, etc.).
3. We were in **darkness** without the ability to understand God or His Word or to receive divine direction for our life.
4. We were **destitute** and without a lasting purpose or hope of a future in God.

These are things that have changed for those of us who have our faith in Yeshua. At times as Believers we can still meander back to these old places. But, we don't have to (and shouldn't!) stay there. As I ponder these old things that are gone, gratitude wells up in my heart of what He has freed me from. As we get ready to head into the new year, let's cultivate a heart of gratitude for the old things that have passed away because of Yeshua.