All Things New

"Behold, I am making all things new."

We have read those words before. We believe them.
We look forward to the day when everything broken will finally be made right.

But perhaps we sometimes forget... Jesus is not only making all things new,
He is making us new… And there are parts of us that still need it.

Thoughts that wander. Words we wish we could take back.
Pride we do not always recognize. Worries we call concerns.
Old habits, old hurts, and old ways we have carried far too long.

And yet, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."

Not someday, now. The old has passed away, the new has come.

Some days we may not feel very new at all…
But His mercies were new this morning, and they will be new tomorrow.
And the God who began a good work in us has promised He is not finished.

Perhaps that is one of our greatest reasons to be thankful this Thanksgiving.

He is not finished.

Jesus does not simply show us what needs changing and leave us to fix it ourselves.
He creates clean hearts and renews right spirits. He continues the work only He can do.

Sometimes that work looks like blessing. Sometimes waiting, surrender, or forgiveness.
And sometimes it means finally realizing that the very thing we have been asking God to change is us.

So, this Thanksgiving, may we remember that gratitude is more than thanking God for what He has placed in our hands. It is thanking Him for what He is doing in our hearts.

For prayers answered and prayers still waiting. For doors opened and doors closed.
For what He has given and what He has taken away. For what He has carried us through.
And for the work He continues to do within us.

Especially the places still unfinished.

Because Thanksgiving is not only about remembering what God has done,
but trusting Him for what He is still doing.

"Behold, I am making all things new."

All things, even us… Maybe especially us. And for that, we are thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving

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