



Beware of harking back to what you were once when God wants you to be something you have never been.

Oswald Chambers (author of *My utmost for his highest*)

*This is what the LORD says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.
Jeremiah 6.16*

The new thing God does is always a new old thing because it is sourced in his eternal nature.

*John McGinley, *The Church of Tomorrow**

11 marks of the future church ...

- Utterly dependent on Jesus
- Attentive to both Word and Spirit
- More diverse leadership
- Will be smaller, more focused on community (geographic not gathered)
- Led by a team not a dynamic individual
- Full recognition of lay leadership

- Low maintenance high impact
- focused less on the Sunday event and more on the Monday – Saturday reality
- emotionally aware, real, authentic
- braver
- intentionally and contentedly as much for those on the outside as those on the inside

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²⁵ ... Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.
Ephesians 5:25-27

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' Revelation 21:1-4

Guard your heart, for
everything you do flows
from it.

Proverbs 4:23

‘The wind blows wherever it
pleases. You hear its sound, but you
cannot tell where it comes from or
where it is going. So it is with
everyone born of the Spirit.’

John 3:8

¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God ... ³ [you are] God's holy people ...⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. *from Ephesians 5:1-10*