



The Year of New Experiences **January 6, 2008**

Sermon Notes

Why New Experiences?

- You **Expand** your horizon.
- **Exposure** to new things.
- It breeds **Excitement**.

- It is a step toward your **Purpose**.
- It changes your **Perception**.
- It **Promotes** increase.

Your perception is based on your:

- Past
- Authoritative figures
- Experiences
- Spirit

Foundational Scripture

Luke 5:37-38 (Contemporary English Version)

37 No one pours new wine into old wineskins. The new wine would swell and burst the old skins. Then the wine would be lost, and the skins would be ruined. 38 New wine must be put only into new wineskins.

It is a step toward your purpose.

Ephesians 4:24 (New Living Translation)

24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Colossians 3:9-10 (New Living Translation)

9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. 10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

It promotes increase.

Hebrews 10:19-23 (New Living Translation)

19 And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. 20 By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. 21 And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, 22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

Ephesians 3:19 (New Living Translation)

19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

It changes your perception.

Ezekiel 11:19 (New Living Translation)

19 And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a tender, responsive heart,

Ezekiel 36:26 (Contemporary English Version)

26 I will take away your stubborn heart and give you a new heart and a desire to be faithful. You will have only pure thoughts,

Philippians 1:25 (New Living Translation)

25 Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith.

Philippians 4:6-7 (New Living Translation)

6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Revelation 2:17 (The Message)

17 "Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. I'll give the sacred manna to every conqueror; I'll also give a clear, smooth stone inscribed with your new name, your secret new name."