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## Gospel Meeting

July 6-11 \* The S. Pine Avenue congregation meeting in Ocala  
Al Sandlin, preaching \* 7:00 PM Monday – Friday.

## *Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Celebration.*

Today is Jerry & Avilene Smith's 50th wedding anniversary. The commemoration goes from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Tommy Usher Center in Chiefland.

## *What Must I Do To Be Saved?*

- ❖ Hear the word of God (Mk. 4:24; Lk. 8:18; Rom. 10:17).
- ❖ Believe the word of God (Jn. 20:30-31; Heb. 11:6).
- ❖ Repent, the first word of the gospel (Ac. 2:38; 26:20).
- ❖ Confess (Jn. 12:42, 43).
- ❖ Be Baptized (Eph. 4:4-6) —
  - ↪ Buried (Rom. 6:3-7; Col. 2:11, 12; 3:1).
  - ↪ In water (Jn. 3:5-7; Ac. 8:36-38; 22:16).
  - ↪ For the forgiveness of sins (Ac. 2:38; Heb. 10:18).
  - ↪ To be saved (1 Pet. 3:20, 21).
  - ↪ Putting on Christ (Gal. 3:26-29).
  - ↪ Into a unified body (1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:4-6).
- ❖ Live faithfully until the Lord comes (1 Th. 4:13-18), or until you die (Heb. 9:27; Rev. 14:13).

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Meeting at 211 NE 2nd Street in *beautiful* Chiefland, Florida  
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# THINGS ABOVE

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

— Colossians 3:1, 2 —

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## New Things

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**I**n religion, there are many “new things.” For a long time there have been people who search for “new things” (Acts 17:21). Most of these “new things” are not true. The “new things” which are true are not really very new. It is only by comparison that they are new.



### New Testament

There is a New Testament. Although this testament is nearly two thousand years old, it is new as compared to the Old Testament (Hebrews 8:6-10). Not only is that so, but this testament is the newest testament in existence which has any hope connected with it. Do not lay it back with the relics.

### New Doctrine

When the message of the New Testament is preached, a new doctrine results (Acts 17:19). When this new doctrine is obeyed, it makes men free from their sins (Romans 6:17f). Although this doctrine is nearly two thousand years old, it is the newest doctrine which is true. Any religious doctrine newer than this is not true. (2 Peter 1:3; 2 John 9). Do not grow weary of this doctrine because it has been around for quite a time.

### New Creatures

This new doctrine is the seed which makes a new birth (1 Peter 1:23; James 1:18). When a person obeys this new doctrine, he becomes a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). This new creature is one with a new life which begins when one is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:4). This new life is life in a new family (John 3:3-5). This new family is the church one reads about in the Bible (1 Timothy 3:14-15). These new creatures, in this new family, worship and work according to the requirements of their Father (Galatians 1:10). This means that these new creatures will not seek a worship, a work, or anything newer than that which is revealed in the new doctrine. These new

creatures even have a new name (Acts 11:26). While all of this is old in one sense, in another it is new. Anything newer than this is too new to be true and trustworthy.

### New Home

There is a new home promised in this new doctrine (Revelation 21:1-5). In this home, those who dwell there will even have a new body. (1 Corinthians 15:35-44). They will also have a new name (Revelation 2:17).

### New vs. Old

The religion of the New Testament seems so very old and out of date to many people in this twentieth century. Nevertheless, it is new as compared to old provisions in religion. It is the newest available to man which is true and dependable. Do not reject it until you have taken a good look at the shifting sands upon which newer things are built.



## Feeling Discouraged?

... Then stop looking in the mirror and start looking to the Lord — *“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth”*  
(PSALM 121:1-2 KJV).