

Additional Information for Hymns reflecting the meaning of the word “new”

1. “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (1758)

- “Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.”
- “Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.”
- Notable for: “Songs of loudest praise” and the idea of new songs from a renewed heart”

Scripture: Ezekiel 36:26 - “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.”

2. “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” (Attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th century)

- Some versions include modern stanzas with lines like: “No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find / A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.”
- While “new” isn’t in the original Latin, some English versions refer to the new joy Christ brings.
- “Jesus, joy of hearts renewed.” (modern paraphrase)

Scripture: Romans 12:2 - “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

3. “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (1707, Isaac Watts)

- While “new” isn’t in the title, the hymn captures the idea of transformation and a new way of life through the cross.
- “Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”

Scripture: Galatians 6:14 (KJV): “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”

4. “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (1747, Charles Wesley)

- “Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.”
- Expresses being “born anew” in Christ and transformed.
- “Finish then Thy new creation.”

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17 — “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”

5. “Sing to the Lord a New Song” (based on Psalm 96)

- Many hymnals have versions titled this way. The psalm itself is often set to music in metrical form or choral arrangements.
- Direct reference: “Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.”
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Scripture: Psalm 96:1 — “Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!”

6. “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” (Isaac Watts, 1719)

- Based on Psalm 118
- “This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours His own;
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the throne.”
- Often connected to the idea of a new day/new creation in the Lord.

Scripture: Psalm 118:24 — “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”