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*Behold I will make all things new. Revelation 21:5*

There is nothing like spring in the South, with the Cherry Trees and Redbuds bursting into bloom, followed by the Dogwoods and the multitude of spring flowers that carpet the forest floor. Spring brings warmer weather, increased rainfall, and the gardening industry booms as plans for planting get underway.

I love the sense of renewal found at springtime. I love the motivation it inspires within me, to clean my house, weed my garden, and prepare for the summer holidays. Recently, I've discovered that it is also a symbol of hope. Hope for my eternal future with Jesus and rest from wrestling with the world.

Just like the spring brings renewal to the earth each year, Jesus offers renewal to our hearts every day. He promises to search out those who love Him and become their strength on this world-weary walk. *For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. 1 Chronicles 16:9.*

The day when Jesus recreates the world may yet be a future event, but the rest He offers needn't remain in the distant. That is offered every day, along with peace and joy and the other gifts of the Spirit, which He arranged for His people. When Jesus was telling his disciples about His plans, He promised that after He left, a Helper would be available to them. *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever. John 14:16.* The word 'comforter' has also been translated as advocate and helper.

Enjoy the transformative power of a spring morning every day with Jesus.

*He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:5.*

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2*