

All Things New EP – Press Release



'All Things New' is the third worship recording by singer / songwriter Matt McChlery. Teaming up with long-time friend Ryan Baker-Barnes who produced the EP (who has recently made waves with his own album 'The Deepest Part') gave the recording a more polished sound.

Focusing on a collection of songs written by Matt McChlery over a few years that centred on the theme of freedom and salvation, the 'All Things New' project was born. Recording began in August 2013 at Revival Fires Church, Dudley and has resulted in the 6 studio recorded songs that feature on the EP today.

While the recording was taking place, Matt began writing a book to accompany the CD. It also focuses on the theme of salvation and gives a biblical outline as to why we need salvation as well as an invitation to it. The rest of the book gives a wide variety of real-life stories of people who have made the decision to follow Jesus. Some are very dramatic, whilst others are more mundane which together help to emphasise that anyone from any background can have a vibrant and real relationship with Jesus.

All songs on this recording are intended to be used as part of congregational or personal sung worship. Free chord charts and lyrics are available from mattmcchlery.com in order to help facilitate this.

Track 1 – Won My Heart

Co-written with Ryan Baker-Barnes this up-beat song gets the recording off to a strong start. It takes on a strong rhythmic feel and the anthemic chorus helps to declare God's amazing power to save. It will get your feet a-dancing in celebration and thanksgiving. The song explores how Jesus gives an answer to every situation and trial of life, how He is ever present and how he freely gives grace and salvation to all who come to Him.

Track 2 – Emmanuel

Adopting a folksy sound, this happy up-beat track explores how Jesus came to earth, became a man and died in order to save us. It explores the idea of God's salvation



plan, the theology of which is explored in more detail in the 'All Things New' book. It declares Jesus as saviour. Although Jesus' death is mentioned briefly, the main focus of the song is on happiness and the celebration of God's love for us and our love for Him as we accept his gift of salvation.

Track 3 – All Things New

The title track looks at how our lives are changed through the act of salvation and the depth of freedom it can bring. It has a catchy chorus that identifies with Jesus' humanity and acknowledges His divinity and supernatural power. It also explores the idea of discipleship where God continues to work within once we have accepted His salvation to continue changing us into His image.

Track 4 – Fingerprints

This beautiful song reflects upon the idea that God is involved in every part of our lives, there is nowhere we can go where He is not present (Psalm 139). It looks at how God leads us towards our salvation and then continues to take care of our future, giving us hope (Jeremiah 29:11). 'Fingerprints' is very poetic in style and uses a lovely metaphor of our lives as being a book that is written in conjunction with God.

Track 5 – Forevermore (Communion Song)

Co-written with Sally Johnson, 'Forevermore' is a powerful yet tender song that focuses on remembering Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that opened the way for our salvation. This song is perfect for use in a communion service. It's gentle chorus contains a wonderful hook in the melody that will reverberate in hearts and minds long after being sung and will help the act of remembrance to continue beyond the boundaries of a service.

Track 6 – Thank You Jesus For Loving Me

The final track has a rootsy vibe and will be sure to get your toes tapping. It is an exuberant giving of thanks to God and Jesus for the amazing gift of salvation. It reflects quite strongly upon the cross and the broken state of sin that came as a result. It creates a wonderful ending to the recording as the outro drops to a more mellow feel and simply thanks Jesus for all He has done, for making all things new.

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