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March is a month for my Dad's and my birthdays. He died at age 86 to which I am close behind at four score plus four. Four in the Bible represents the number God stamps on things that represent His work in Creation in the positive, ie earth, air, fire, and water, or north, south, east, and west. This is also the month for the full time-period of the birth of my eleventh great- grandchild, Kennedy, a beautiful little girl who came 3 weeks premature due to complications. During March, there are some cold days and some warmer days. This gives hope and a feeling that warm weather is just around the corner but also allows for some people to enjoy the cold one last time. This time is officially Spring and means that flowers are blooming, and leaves will finally start to grow on the trees again. In Gods timetable of Seasons, the days feel like a renewal of life after the hibernation for the cold winter months of January and February. As I sit here composing this Post, I am so delighted with having spent my afternoon outside preparing flowerbeds for Spring growth and killing those pesky Winter weeds that grow regardless of temperature. It is like the devil where you can rebuke him, but he is relentless to keep coming back to harass you not accepting the fact he was defeated at the cross.

And with Spring comes a welcomed sense of renewal. Spring represents an awakening. Its many images and symbols speak of our rejuvenation, our coming out of winter's hibernation with energy and enthusiasm for what comes next. For believers, Spring is a reminder that God is all about making things new. In fact, Jesus promised to make everything new one day per Revelation 21:5 "*I am making all things new*". In the meantime, He gives us glimpses of the coming attractions through Spring. The Bible says that the Spring season is a time of warming weather and nature coming back to life. As flowers bloom and animals are born, we are reminded of the innocence and beauty that exists in this world and that there is new life all around us. As Christians, we are given new life and new mercies every morning. Spring provides a wonderful reminder to us that we should be living a full life and leaving the old dead parts of life behind. There is always hope during the coldest, darkest winters of life. But Spring will come, and new life will come forth. Spring's warmer weather and increased daylight hours make it the best season. Just as Winter symbolizes death, Spring symbolizes new life and Jesus said in John 10:10: "*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full*". We get a light "spring" in our steps, we get more alert, and experience increased feelings of happiness with fresh air scents and visual displays of bloom and birth that make us feel good as we consume those senses within our breath of life. This season of fresh air and sunshine creates happiness, motivation, and positivity toward bringing out the creative thinking in Gods people. Here in the mountains of North Georgia the signs of Spring are all around with trees blooming, warmer weather, people coming out into the lawns and walking the area streets. But the warning of old-timers is that March will not give up the cold weather until April is in full control.

In the Northern Hemisphere, the **March equinox** or spring equinox, occurs when the Sun crosses the equator line, heading north. This event marks the start of the Spring season in the northern half of the globe. The Spiritual Meaning Of The Spring Equinox Is All About New Beginnings - everything is happening in divine timing, and the spiritual meaning of the 2022 spring equinox is no exception. A celebration and sacred symbol of fertility, this season is equivalent to a collective rebirth, cosmic revival, and new beginning.

Let us take a look at how the Bible qualifies new life that we experience in Spring but available to all of us every second of every day of our lives on this earthly home until we are resurrected to join Jesus in an **Eternal Heaven on an Eternal Earth:**

1 Peter 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead".

1 Corinthians 15:21: "For since by man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead".

Deuteronomy 11:14 "He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil".

Hosea 6:3 "So let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; His going forth as certain as the dawn; and He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth".

Deuteronomy 32:2 "Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, as the droplets on the fresh grass and as the showers on the herb".

He creates all, He maintains all, He provides all, He is all the Alpha to Omega. He is our God and sustainer of life.