

# “ALL THINGS NEW”

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## **On the Dawning of a New Year...**

- We let go of the past year
- Have the hope of a new and better year

**We tend to set goals or make resolutions:**

## **Common Goals**

- **Better job**
- **Financial security**
- **Better person**
- **Improve our Marriage/Relationships**

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- **Improve our Marriage/Relationships**
- **Be a better friend**
- **Lose that weight we can't seem to lose**
- **Get in better shape.**

**We tend to set goals or make resolutions:  
Common Goals**

**To accomplish these we depend on plain  
old hard work and determination.**

# **Christian Goals**

- **Improved relationship with Christ**
- **More effective Witness**
- **Read the Bible more**
- **Spend more time in prayer**
- **Grow closer to God**

# **Christian Goals**

**But to accomplish these we have our  
Faith combined with the Promise found  
in the scriptures.**

**No matter what....**

- **We are all hoping for something better and New in the upcoming year**



## **2nd Corinthians 5:14-21**

**14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

## **2nd Corinthians 5:14-21**

**16** So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

## **2nd Corinthians 5:14-21**

**18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.**

## **2nd Corinthians 5:14-21**

**20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.**

## **2nd Corinthians 5:14-21**

**21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

**Who we were created to be...**

**Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.**

## **In the Image of God....**

- **means that there is a gap between animal life and human life**
- **We are distinct in our moral, intellect, and spiritual capabilities.**
- **Doesn't mean we physically look like God.**

## **In the Image of God....**

- **Doesn't mean we are exactly like God.**
- **It means we reflect God to others.**
- **We bring Glory to Him.**



## **Isaiah 43:7**

**“Bring my sons from afar, my daughters from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by my name whom I created for my glory.”**

**Who we became:**

**Through Adam we all Fell....**

- **God wanted us to bring Glory to Him.**
- **We wanted it to be about us.**
- **We thought we could do better.**

## **Romans 5:12**

**“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--”**

**As unbelievers we view others through  
Lens of the world.**

- **Judge people based on appearances.**
- **Position in life.**
- **Financial Status.**
- **This is how unbelievers also view  
God.**

**God gave us a second Chance....“He died  
for All”**

**John 3:16 says: 16 "For God so loved the  
world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life."**

**Just as we fell...**

- **Through the offence of Adam**

**We are redeemed...**

- **Through the sacrifice of the second Adam – Jesus Christ.**

## **1 Corinthians 15: 21**

**“For since death came through a man,  
the resurrection of the dead comes also  
through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die,  
so in Christ all will be made alive.”**

**To bring us up to date...**

- **We were Created and Re-created as creatures of God.**
- **By nature designed to display Gods:  
Greatness, Beauty, Worth**
- **We Fell through Adam**
- **We have been Redeemed through Christ**



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a new creation; the old has gone, the  
new has come!”**

**Who He desires us to become  
New Creation...**

**Kainos - new, as respects form, recently made, fresh, recent, unused, unworn, as respects substance, of a new kind, unprecedented, novel, uncommon, unheard of.**

# **Who He desires us to become New Creation...**

- **We don't look different**
- **We are completely changed from the inside**
- **We act differently**

**Who He desires us to become  
New Creation...**

- **respond differently**
- **Motivated differently**

**This is a Radical, Comprehensive,  
Instantaneous, Individual, Sovereign,  
Noticeable change.**

## **Romans 8:17**

**“Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory”**

**His Life, Fullness, Joy, Peace, Strength –  
All is ours because we are in Christ.**

## **Old is Gone.....**

- **Is a glorious thing.**
- **Only negative is that we had things that needed to “be gone”.**

**New Has Come...**

**We have New:**

- **Eyes**
- **Ears**
- **Feet**
- **Hands**



**New Has Come...**

**We have New:**

- **Mouth**
- **Lips**
- **Heart**
- **Mind**

**We begin to regain that which was lost...**

- **We find joy in serving Him.**
- **We find joy in pleasing Him.**
- **We enjoy serving God above all else.**

## **In Christ...**

- **I am most fulfilled when God is glorified in me.**
- **Glorifying Him is actually my pursuit of finding satisfaction in Him.**

## **In Christ...**

- **I must devote my life to finding joy in Him.**
- **That Joy expands as other share in it.**

**Matthew 13:44**"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. Then a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

**Jesus tells us - You've got a treasure —  
Me**

## **This new life.....**

- **Is not to live for ourselves.**
- **It is to live for Him.**
- **Doesn't mean we are perfect**
- **Means we are being changed.**

**God Himself promises....**

**Revelation 21:5 "He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."**

## **Paul tells us we are Ambassadors...**

- **Diplomatic Agent.**
- **They do not speak to please our Audience.**
- **They speak to please the King or Leader that sent them.**



## **Paul tells us we are Ambassadors...**

- **Speak what they have been commissioned to say.**
- **Are due the respect and honor due the one who sent them.**

## **Questions:**

- **Are we acting as a New Creation?**
- **Are we finding our Joy and Satisfaction in pleasing Him?**
- **Are we representing our Heavenly Father the way He would want us to?**