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Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM
	6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

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Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation

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Just One Request

*Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.*

*I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee..*

-----Author Unknown

ALL THING ARE MADE NEW

Barry Kennedy

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Cor. 5:17). Paul’s message to the church in Corinth is one that often is quoted, but is it truly appreciated? We are at the threshold of another new year. 2011 will soon be a memory. Of course, there will be many fun and exciting memories that we will all cherish. However, all know that there are some memories we would like to forget. This new year, no doubt, will bring it’s own share of joy and sorrow; if the Lord wills (James 4:15). Solomon put it this way, *“the thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun”* (Eccl. 1:9). Of course, Solomon was referring to the course of nature, that is, seasonal changes, water cycles, and also life and death (Eccl. 1:1-8). Therefore, no contradiction is made in Paul’s declaration of newness in Christ. We are made new, not refurbished, but brand new in Christ.

Are we hearing Paul’s message today? God took those sinful, worldly, Corinthians and made them Christians. Worldliness and Christianity are total opposites of one another. *“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God”* (James 4:4). The people of Corinth, like all men everywhere, were practicing sin in their daily lives (1 Cor. 6). Paul listed specific sins of which the church in Corinth had been guilty in time past, as well as the results for those who do such acts.

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9, 10).

Paul’s message rings clear; this lifestyle will result in eternal separation from God. The beauty of this message is seen in verse eleven. *“And such **WERE** some of you: but ye are **WASHED**, but ye are **SANCTIFIED**, but ye are **JUSTIFIED** in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God”* (1 Cor. 6:11). You see, Christ had made them new creations just as He makes us new creations today. The old man of sin is to be no more and the only way to resurrect him is for us to resurrect him. *“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more”* (Heb. 8:12). The question we have to ask ourselves is, “Did I bury that old man of sin and leave the handle sticking out?”

We are facing a new year full of new hopes, promises, blessing, and difficulties. We must find the resolve we need to *“press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 3:14). The “high calling” (i.e. upward pull as some translate it) fits so well with what Solomon wrote. *“The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath”* (Pro. 15:24).

Most people like new things. Very few people would prefer used items over new items. Likewise, God wants His followers to be new. Think of the terminology used to describe a child of God: washed, sanctified, and just-if-ied never sinned. Does that not sound new? How about you? Have you allowed God to make all things new for you? The Corinthians were added to the body of Christ, the church of Christ and were made new (Acts 2:47; Acts 18:8; 2 Cor. 5:17). Why not start this new year off on the right side of the Lord (Mat. 12:30)? God is waiting patiently to make all things new for you (2 Peter 3:9). All it takes is the decision to obey Him (Matthew 7:21). Make the decision now, and what a wonderful new year it will be!

HAPPY N-E-W YEAR

Dan Winkler

A new year is just about here with its chance to reflect, resolve and change for the better! We call them “resolutions.”

A good friend and his wife recently gave me a copy of H. Jackson Brown, Jr.’s **THE COMPLETE LIFE’S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK**. It starts off with some excellent ideas for the New Year.

1. Compliment three people every day.
2. Have a dog (Okay, we might not all agree on that one.)
3. Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
4. Remember other people’s birthdays.
5. Over-tip the breakfast waitresses. (That might be a stretch, too.)
6. Have a firm handshake.
7. Look people in the eye.
8. Say “Thank you” a lot.
9. Say “Please” a lot.

Could I be bold enough to suggest another resolution? It’s really one for this new year and for every day of every year.

N – never

E – encourage

W – wickedness!

That’s a tall order when you consider what the New Testament terms “wicked.”

- Causing someone to
- stumble spiritually
- **(Matt. 13:41,42, 49, 50).**
- Holding a grudge, refusing to
- forgive another **(Matt. 18:32).**
- Sexual impurity **(1 Corinthians 5:1, 13; 2 Peter 2:7)**
- Twisting the Bible to say what we want **(2 Peter 3:16-17).**
- An egotistical “my way or the highway” attitude **(3 John 10).**

The Bible teaches us to walk in newness of life **(Romans 6:3-4)**. If we never encourage anything that is wicked, it will help make for a better new year, a better you, and a better me.



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