

All Things Are Become New
II Corinthians 5:17

Introduction:

- I. The New Year is a time when many people like to start over in life.
 - a. Resolutions for weight, money, time, and dedication to God, jobs, and family.
 - b. Since this is something that is on our minds, it is a time to check ourselves to make sure we are still “new” in Christ.
 - i. II Corinthians 5:17 – Old things have passed away, all has become new.
 - 1. The old lifestyle, mindset, and resolve have changed to new ones.

Discussion:

- I. A New Lifestyle
 - a. Colossians 3:9b-10 – Put off the old man; put on the new.
 - i. Paul lists several sins in verses 5-9a.
 - 1. These are the reasons God’s wrath is coming!
 - b. Ephesians 4:25-32 – We replace the “old” lifestyle with the “new” lifestyle.
 - i. Like a diet – You cannot just add healthy food and expect to lose weight!
 - c. Romans 8:12-14 – It is as if the old man has died! If we continue, our souls will die, too!
 - i. Ephesians 2:1-3
- II. A New Mindset
 - a. Romans 12:1-2 – Renew your mind.
 - i. This daily renewal must come from an unchangeable source to which we have access day after day—The Bible and prayer!
 - 1. Psalm 1:2-3 – Meditate day and night.
 - a. I Peter 2:1 – Desire it like infants desire milk.
 - b. II Corinthians 4:16-5:1,7 – We focus on the internal (spiritual) rather than the external.
 - i. 4:10-11 – keep the death of Christ on the forefront!
 - c. Philippians 3:19-20 – We keep our minds focused on heavenly things, because our citizenship is there!
 - i. When in Argentina, I did not think like the Argentine people! I was a visitor and a stranger. On this earth, we all should be that way: Hebrews 11:13-16.
- III. A New Resolve
 - a. Philippians 3:12-14 – Leave the old way of life and focus on what lies ahead.
 - i. Ephesians 3:12-13 – Act with boldness to come before God!
 - ii. Hebrews 10:19-21 – Our new and living way starts with boldness to enter the Holiest!
 - 1. 22-25 – It pushes us to faith, hope, and love—therefore we push others!
 - b. Why are we Christians?
 - i. *To get to heaven.* –NO!! If Christianity is getting to heaven, there is very little progress after baptism!
 - 1. This is the reason many people struggle to be active in the church. They feel they have met their quota in life by becoming a Christian.
 - 2. Luke 19:10 – The Son of Man came to seek and save that which is lost – And we are to be his body on earth. That is why we become Christians!

Conclusion:

- I. Why not become a stronger Christian?
 - a. Renew your lifestyle, so that it reflects Christ’s body on earth.
 - b. Renew your mindset, so that you can reflect the mindset of a foreign traveler in this world.
 - c. Renew your resolve, so that you can be strong and faithful in the presence of persecution.