

## Another New Year!

Every now and then I will think back on something and make note of how many years ago that was. I am amazed sometimes that I can say, “that happened 30-35 years ago!” and know the experience personally! A lot of changes have taken place technologically in my lifetime. I’m sure, others have experienced many more than I have. It is still amazing just the same.

It is also amazing how little has changed. People still hate one another. People still hurt one another. People still take advantage of one other. Some of that sometimes seems to have become worse. The more we advance technologically to overcome crime, the more criminals learn to overcome the advances. The wise man was right!

**Ecclesiastes 1:9-10** *What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, “See, this is new”? It has been already in the ages before us.*

You might think how horrible immorality is and how it has become so perverted! Yet, it is not new. You might think how wonderful it is to be able to get places faster and faster! Yet, it is not new, not really. So, a new year? We’ve had them before.

Yet, please do not become so accustomed to everything that you cannot be excited about anything! The old story of Jesus still transforms lives! God’s old love is still love that can affect us to our very soul! The old bondage of sin can be broken so that we can be free to live righteous lives! An old marriage can be refreshed! An old job can be renewed. An old life can be revived! Listen to this:

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

Make this year a new one, a new beginning and a fresh start. Set workable goals. Make believable plans and stretch yourself! God has promised us a new life and by the name of His son Jesus we can have it!

Love to all,  
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