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HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR?

LUKE 5:36-39

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**36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.**

**37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.**

**38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.**

**39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.**

# Introduction

**A. “Happy New Year” the greeting of this day**

**B. The New Year is not really new**

**C. We can decide to make the New Year happy**

**D. Requires changes in our lives**

# **I. The New Birth**

## **John 3:3-5**

**3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

**4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?**

**5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

# **I. The New Birth**

**A. Its necessity**

**B. Ever dream of the opportunity of starting over again?**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:  
old things are passed away; behold, all things are  
become new.**

# **I. The New Birth**

## **C. What the new birth is not:**

### **1. It is not baptism**

**Acts 2:41**

**Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.**

### **2. It is not reformation**

**Romans 3:20**

**Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

# **I. The New Birth**

**D. The new birth occurs upon receiving Christ by faith**

**John 1:12**

**But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**

## **II. The New Walk**

**Romans 6:14**

**For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**



## **II. The New Walk**

**A. There is no one more miserable than the believer who doesn't live right**

**Romans 7:23-24**

**23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.**

**24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**

## **II. The New Walk**

### **B. The contrast between the old and new walk**

#### **1. The flesh and the Spirit**

**Galatians 5:16-23**

**16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

**17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.**

**18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.**

## **II. The New Walk**

### **B. The contrast between the old and new walk**

#### **1. The flesh and the Spirit**

#### **Galatians 5:16-23 - continued**

**19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,**

**20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,**

**21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

## **II. The New Walk**

### **B. The contrast between the old and new walk**

#### **1. The flesh and the Spirit**

**Galatians 5:16-23 - continued**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

**23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**

## **II. The New Walk**

**B. The contrast between the old and new walk –cont'd**

**2. The walk before and after for the Ephesian church**

**Ephesians 5:1-16**

**1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;**

**2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**

**3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;**

**4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.**

## **II. The New Walk**

**B. The contrast between the old and new walk –cont'd**

**2. The walk before and after for the Ephesian church  
Ephesians 5:1-16 - continued**

**5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**

**6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.**

**7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.**

**8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:**

## **II. The New Walk**

**B. The contrast between the old and new walk –cont'd**

**2. The walk before and after for the Ephesian church**

**Ephesians 5:1-16 - continued**

**9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)**

**10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.**

**11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.**

**12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.**

**13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.**

## **II. The New Walk**

**B. The contrast between the old and new walk –cont'd**

**2. The walk before and after for the Ephesian church**

**Ephesians 5:1-16 - continued**

**14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.**

**15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,**

**16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**



## **II. The New Walk**

### **C. The difference between day and night**

#### **Romans 13:11-14**

**11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

**12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.**

**13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.**

**14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.**

## **II. The New Walk**

**D. To practice the new walk, you must feed the new man**

**1 Peter 2:1-3**

**1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,**

**2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**

**3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.**

## **II. The New Walk**

**E. To practice the new walk, you must reckon yourself dead with Christ and alive with Him**

**Romans 6:11-12**

**11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.**

### **III. The New Goal**

#### **Philippians 3:13-14**

**13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,**

**14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**

## **III. The New Goal**

### **A. The past is the past**

**1. Past sins**

**2. Past victories**

### **B. Paul was willing to forget all that may hinder him in his life for Christ**

### **C. Do you have a new goal since becoming a Christian?**

**Luke 9:62**

**And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**

**MAKE THIS YEAR**

**"NEW"**

**IN YOUR LIFE**

**TO BE HAPPY**