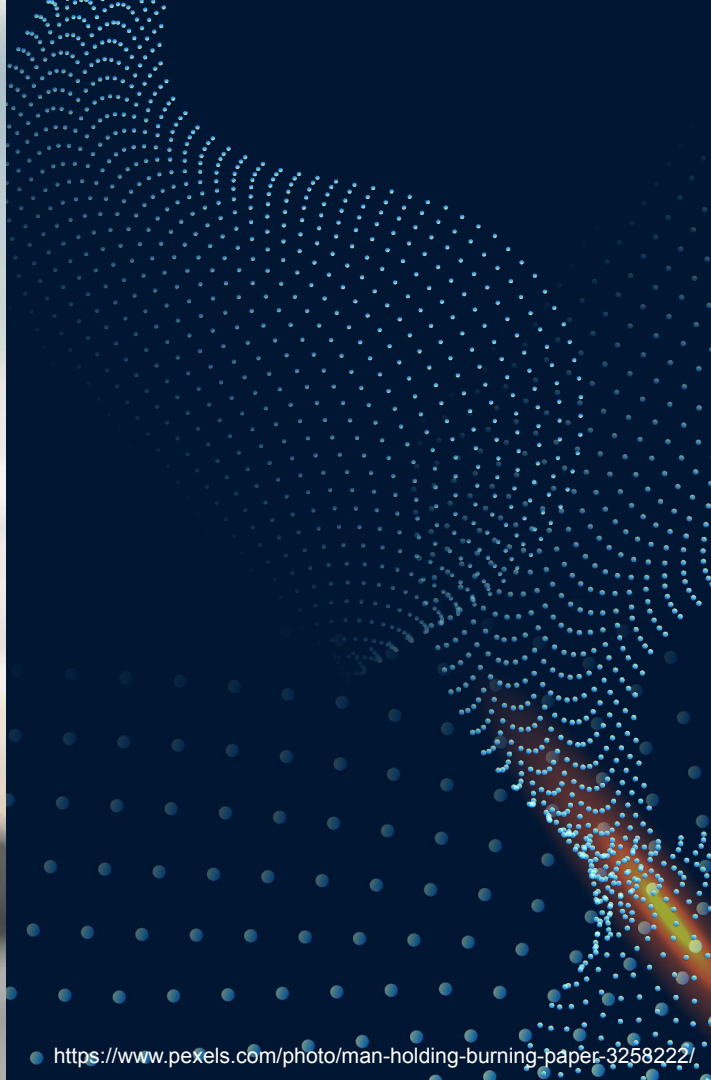


# NEW YEAR, NEW YOU?

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Athol Baptist Church

Pastor Richard Alderson





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**SUFFERING**

Paul's imitation of  
Christ

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**SELECTED**

Paul's deliverance of  
the New Covenant

**03**

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**SPIRIT-POWERED**

Paul's ability  
depends upon the  
Holy Spirit



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**RECONCILIATION**

Holy Spirit leads  
believers to become  
Christlike

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**REPENTANCE**

Genuine act leads to  
holy living

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**REASSURANCE**

Holy Spirit given as  
guarantee of  
judgment and glory

## **2 Corinthians 5:12-21 NKJV**

“For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again...



## **2 Corinthians 5:12-21 NKJV**

...Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation...



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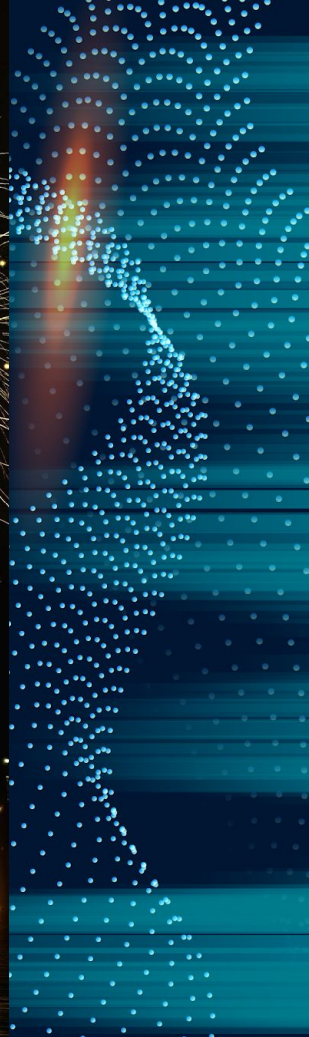


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# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION



## THING

Proclamation of  
intended action



## ACTION

Quality of having  
determination

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# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION



## THING

Proclamation of  
intended action

**HOT AIR**



## ACTION

Quality of having  
determination

**HARD WORK**



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# BIBLICAL RESOLUTION



## VALUE

Eternal vs Temporal

**“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

—Jesus the Christ  
Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV

**“No one can serve two masters...You cannot serve God and mammon.”**

**“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life...But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.”**

—Jesus the Christ  
Matthew 6:24-33 NKJV

**“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”**

—John the Apostle

**1 John 4:7-11 NKJV**



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# BIBLICAL RESOLUTION



**VALUE**

Eternal vs Temporal



**FUEL**

Spiritual vs Physical

**“The heart is deceitful above all things,  
And desperately wicked; Who can know it?**

**I, the Lord, search the heart,  
I test the mind, Even to give every man  
according to his ways,  
According to the fruit of his doings.”**

—God Almighty  
Jeremiah 17:9-10 NKJV

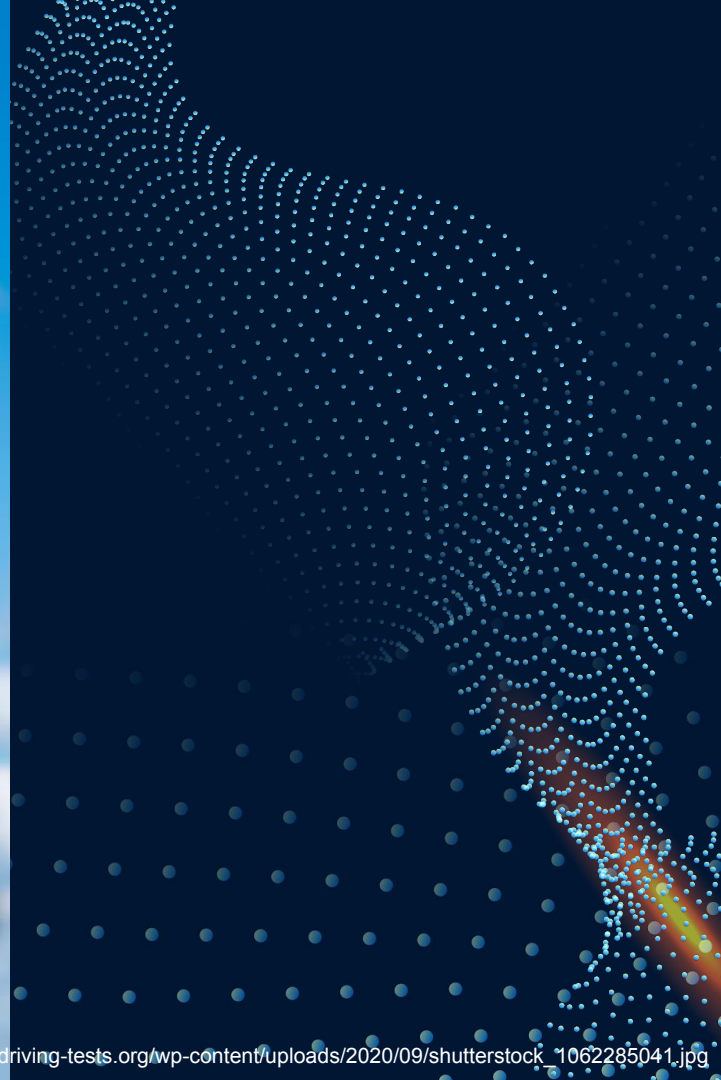
**“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ?”**

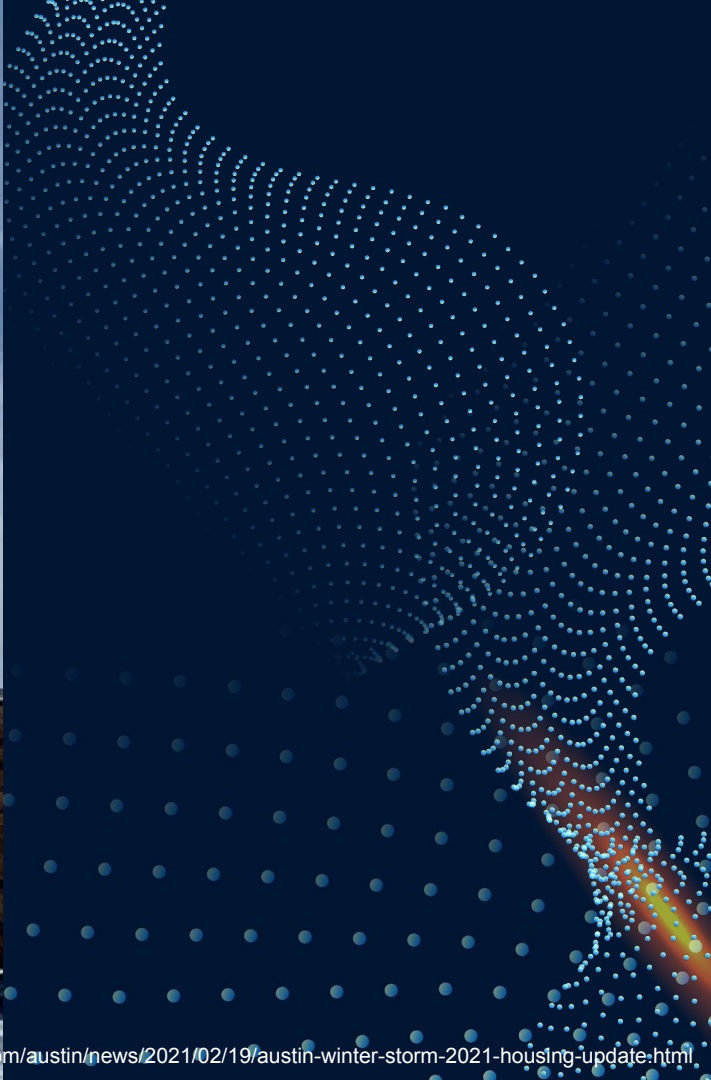
—Paul the Apostle  
Philippians 1:6 NKJV

## 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NKJV

“For the love of **Christ compels us**, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and **He died for all**, that those who live should **live no longer for themselves**, but for Him who died for them and rose again”







**“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

—Paul the Apostle  
Romans 5:8 NKJV

**“This is My commandment, that you love  
one another as I have loved you.”**

—Jesus the Christ  
John 15:12 NKJV

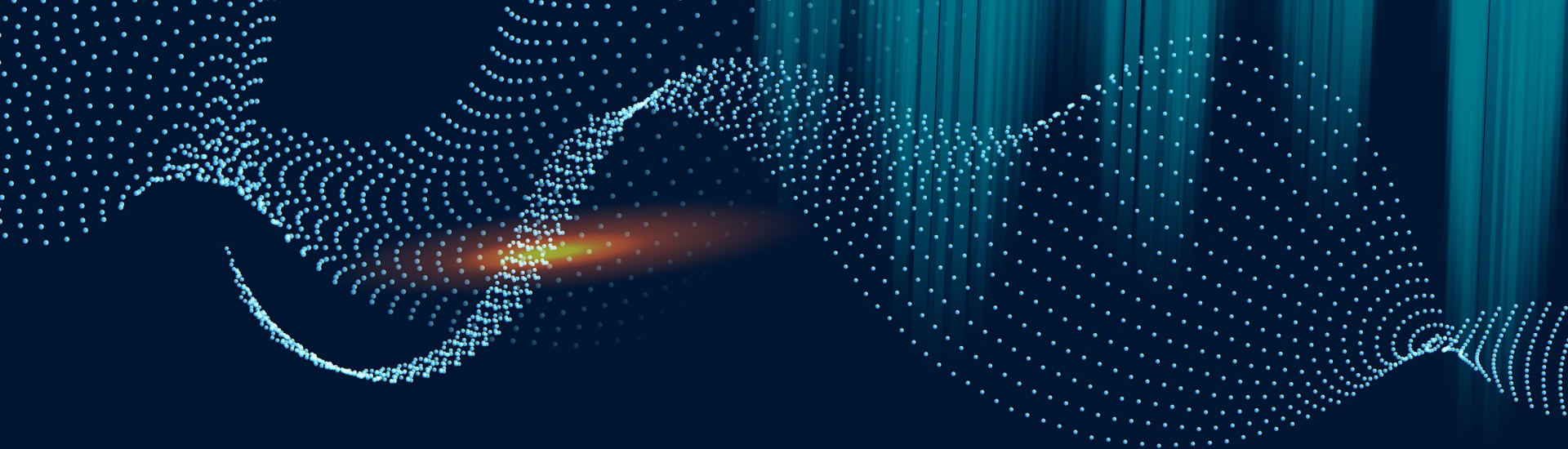


**“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and  
not do the things which I say?”**

—Jesus the Christ  
Luke 6:46 NKJV



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# RECONCILIATION

Holiness Displayed

## **2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV**

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”



## **2 Corinthians 5:18-19 NKJV**

“Now all things are of God, who has **reconciled us to Himself** through Jesus Christ, and has given us the **ministry of reconciliation**, that is, that God was in **Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us **the word of reconciliation**.”



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**RESULT**

Transaction  
of  
forgiveness

**“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life...He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”**

—John the Apostle  
John 3:16-18 NKJV



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**RESULT**

Transaction  
of  
forgiveness

**02**

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**REFLECT**

God's  
genuine  
desire

**“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all.”**

—Paul the Apostle  
1 Timothy 2:3-6 NKJV

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**REFLECT**

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**REQUIRED**

Believer's  
unconditional  
obligation

**“I do not say to you, up to seven times, but  
up to seventy times seven.”**

—Jesus the Christ  
Matthew 18:22 NKJV

**“And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.**

**So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”**

—Jesus the Christ  
Matthew 18:34-35 NKJV

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**CANCEL CULTURE**



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**RESULT**

Transaction  
of  
forgiveness

**02**

**REFLECT**

God's  
genuine  
desire

**03**

**REQUIRED**

Believer's  
unconditional  
obligation

**04**

**RESTRICTIONS**

Trademark of  
forgiveness

**“Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.”**

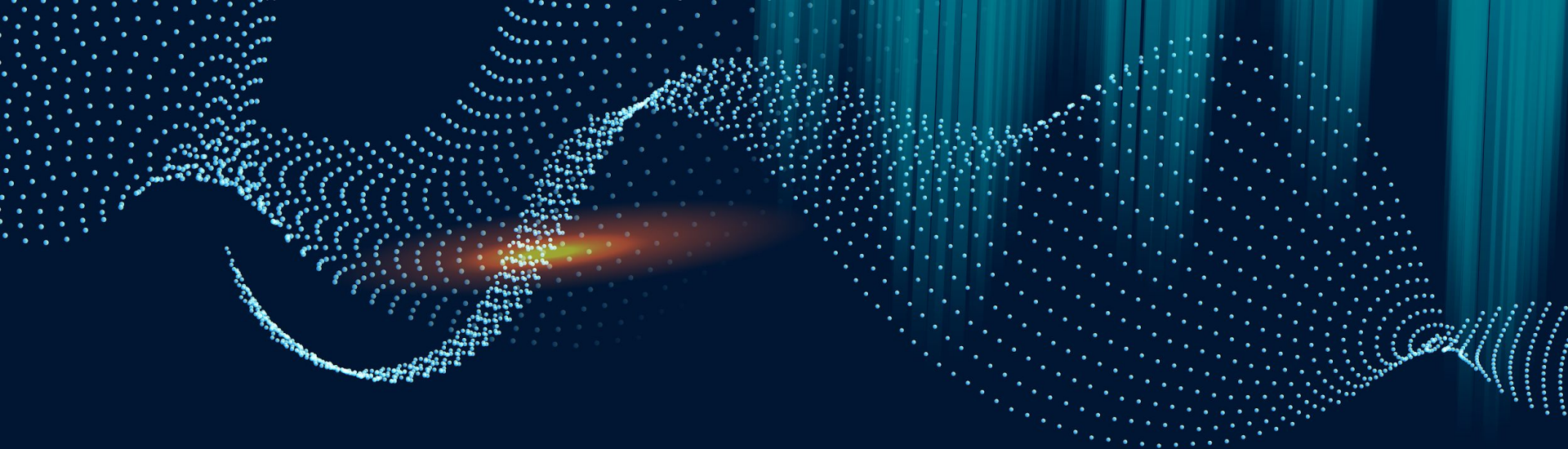
—Paul the Apostle  
Romans 12:17-19 NKJV

**“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.”**

—Jesus the Christ  
Matthew 7:6 NKJV

**“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God...For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.”**

—Paul the Apostle  
Romans 13:1-4 NKJV



**02**

# REPRESENTATION

Holiness Directed

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# Carry the Crown

**Matthew 28:16-20**



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**Copy the King**

**1 Peter 2:18-25**



