

The Spiritual Significance of the New Year



Genesis 1:14 And God said, Let there be light-bearers in the
expanse of heaven to separate the day from the night, and let them
be for signs and for seasons and for days and years.

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Colossians 2:16-17 Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath, which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.

1 John 1:5b God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Malachi 4:2a But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise.

John 8:12a Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world.

Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of God illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

A New Spiritual Year

Many Christians celebrate a new calendar year, but they never enter into a new spiritual year.

To enter into a new year spiritually, we need to prepare ourselves by having a proper ending in order to have a new beginning (Rev. 22:13).

A Proper Ending

We need to consider before the Lord how we have spent our time and the things in which we failed and in which we overcame.

We need to consider the areas in which we responded to the Lord's demands and in which we rejected the Lord's will.

We need to seek God's face to receive His shining concerning our shortages, failures, weaknesses, and mistakes and confess them before God to receive His forgiveness and cleansing (1 John 1:9).

We need to remove all bitterness, anger, wrath, clamor and evil speaking from us and forgive one another as God in Christ also forgave us (Eph. 4:31-32).

A Proper Ending continued

We can thank the Lord for His life in us and for all the times we have enjoyed His divine life this year.

We can thank the Lord for the times this year that our inner eyes have beheld Him and tell Him how much we love Him.

We can consider the incremental, normal work the Lord has done within us this year and praise Him for His faithfulness.

We can offer new prayers of consecration to Him.

2 Corinthians 5:17 So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

A New Beginning

God's work in the universe is a work of renewing.

We need to be renewed day by day, having more God added to our being (2 Cor. 4:16).

A New Beginning continued

Love the Lord Jesus - We can start the new year by asking the Lord to renew our love for Him; to give us a deep longing for Him in His Word.

Spend time with Him - We simply need to spend time with the One we love early in the morning.

Feed on His Word - We must daily come to the Word hungry and contact the Lord Himself to be nourished and satisfied by Him.

Read the Bible with prayer - Our time with the Lord in His Word should be filled with conversational praying over the Word.

Focus on contacting Christ - Linger in His presence to enjoy Him in an intimate way

When we touch God and meet God, we
will enter into a new year and have a new
beginning