

70.6 Your New Life in the New Year

"The love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore,

we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him,"

2 Corinthians 5:14-21.

Believers, we have a new motivation ... the love of Christ. We have a new hope ... life instead of death.

We have a new purpose ... to live for Him. We have a new perspective ... seeing people as Christ sees them.

We have a new job ... being ambassadors of the message of reconciliation. We have a new righteousness ... the righteousness of Christ.

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." Don't live in your old life in the new year ... instead walk in the newness of your new life in Christ.

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