

# New Year - New You

3 Groups of people:

- 1) Those yet to believe.
- 2) Believers who are filled with guilt about the past or worry about the present or future.
- 3) Believers who recognize and are filled with God's peace and his grace.

**Those yet to \_\_\_\_\_.**

Rebellion is our natural state.

*Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

But God... loves us and has given himself for us.

*Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

*Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

One perfect sacrifice to cover all sins forever.

*Romans 8:1 "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*

*Romans 10:9 "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*

Through Christ we can become new people.

*2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."*

**Believers who suffer from \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.**

Jesus has paid for all our sins.

To think your sins are too dark to be covered by Jesus' blood is to say that his death on the cross wasn't enough.

*Romans 6:10-11 "For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

Our past lives are dead and gone. We are now filled with the Holy Spirit.

*John 14:16-17 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth... you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you."*

The Holy Spirit, who lives within us, grants us peace.

*Philippians 4:7 “And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

*Matthew 6:25-34 “For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”*

**Believers who are filled with God’s \_\_\_\_\_.**

Remain steadfast, continue to trust, pray for others, and be encouragers.

*Revelation 2:2-7 “I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.”*

*Acts 4: 36-37 “Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement), and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.”*

Be a Barnabas for someone.

*Acts 11:22-26 “The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord. And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”*

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Start off the year right by doing these things:

Accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Give your guilt and worries over to Jesus.

Re-ignite your passion for serving Jesus.

Be a Barnabas.