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A NEW YEAR IN JESUS CHRIST

Last night there was all kinds of revelry going on around the world. People were behaving in all sorts of debauchery and lasciviousness. There were all sorts of celebration welcoming in the New Year.

Will this year be any different than last year? Will the nations of the world behave any different than what went on in 2005? Will world strife increase at the rate that sin increases? Are we living in the days where we will see the fulfillment of the prophecies in Revelation?

As each year goes by we are seeing more of the signs of the times. We are witnessing a world marching toward Armageddon and the rise of the Antichrist along with the false prophet. We see the world embrace all of the lies of Satan

Romans 1:17-32

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his

eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 **Being filled with all unrighteousness,**

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fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

The wickedness of the world escalates year by year. Examine the following list from Romans:

- All Unrighteousness
- Fornication
- Wickedness
- Covetousness
- Maliciousness
- Envy
- Murder
- Debate
- Deceit
- Malignity
- Whisperers
- Backbiters
- Haters of God
- Despiteful
- Proud
- Boasters
- Inventors of Evil Things

- Disobedient to Parents
- Without Understanding
- Covenant Breakers
- Without Natural Affection
- Implacable
- Unmerciful

These are the attributes that the world holds in high esteem whereas the born-again Christian despises all of the wickedness of the world. The world welcomes in the new year with debauchery, parties, and the celebration of evil. The Christian has been redeemed from the evil of the world and welcomes in the new year with holiness and righteousness. The Christian seeks the Lord Jesus Christ whereas the world seeks all of the wickedness that the world has to offer.

Look how the world celebrates New Years with parades depicting devils and demons. Here in Philadelphia there is a parade called the Mummers parade that celebrates cross dressing and rituals that date back to pagan Europe.

A new year for a Christian should celebrate newness of life in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:1-4

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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Jesus has delivered us from all of the debauchery of the world. A new year in Jesus means a rededication to the Christian walk that the Lord has called us to walk. The ways of the Christian are not the ways of the world. The Christian does not walk in the sin of the world. The Christian should not partake of the wickedness of the world in the celebration of a new year.

The Christian walks in a new life with new pathways. The Christian walk is holiness and righteousness. Whereas the world celebrates with debauchery, the Christian celebrates with a rededication to the holiness that the Lord has called him. We walk in newness of life.

The world is progressively getting more and more wicked while the Christian is continually fighting the temptations of the world. As we draw closer to the resurrection of the church, the temptations are getting stronger and stronger.

Only by the grace and power of Jesus Christ can we fight the temptations of the world. Look at how the Lord destroyed New Orleans this past year and the world is already proclaiming that they plan to create a more sinful city in its place.

Philadelphia is planning to dive deeper into the depths of sin with their promotion of gambling casinos on the Delaware River. Already dens of iniquity exist along the river and the city wants to increase the debauchery.

Jesus has given us a new and separate life of righteousness apart from the world. We are in the world but we are not of the world.

Romans 6:4

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