

## NEWNESS OF LIFE – Happy New Year

Oh, the wonderment of God! He built the message of newness and new beginnings into everything. He knew man would sin and it would be hard to face the results of that sin, but He still gave us free will to choose how we wanted to live. He then built reminders into our every day lives to remind us of His love. Everyday begins with a sunrise, often so beautiful and unique, to remind us we face a new day. Yesterday is gone, and all that lies before us is the promise of a new day.

At the end of the day, we are blessed with the sun setting and the painting of a beautiful picture across the sky. It is the promise of another new day coming very soon and that the night time will not last forever. Every year is the sign of a new beginning and we look forward to it being better than the last year. It gives us hope. God created the days and nights and the seasons and time itself, for us.

***From the rising of the sun to its going down The Lord's name is to be praised.  
Psalm 113:3 (KJV)***



For those of us blessed to live in the north and central parts of the country, we get to see and experience snow. We are reminded that God spoke through Isaiah about us coming before the Creator in repentance so He could wipe away our sin and make us “white as snow” (Isaiah 1:18). Snow represents a fresh start, newness of life. While I am not one big on New Year’s resolutions, I want to see the coming year be something special. 2024 was a year of revealing truth. In fact, the last several years have been about bringing things hidden in the darkness into the light so they can be addressed. Now is time to allow truth to permeate everything we do. We have learned to think for ourselves (hopefully) and not be spoon-fed everything by those who want us to think a certain way.

2025 will be a year where we realize truth reveals righteousness, that which is right in the sight of God. When God’s people understand the real truth of righteousness, they want justice to prevail. We will talk more about justice in the further study of the apostolic anointing, which will be continued soon. But, for now let it suffice to say justice is not just about punishment or a rendering of what is due. Justice to a poor man is no longer being poor. Justice to a sick man is no longer being sick. 2025 will be a year when God’s people understand God’s meaning of righteousness and justice to a greater degree than ever before.



The new year will also be a year when God’s people begin to cry out with a louder voice for freedom. They will realize more than ever they have been in slavery to a system that has tried to control them, not only in the political realm and other realms, but in the religious realm as well. They will begin to hunger like never before for freedom and a new beginning of walking in that freedom.

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When an animal is set free from a caged area, they often don't move. They don't know they are free to run and dance. It takes some time to realize they are indeed free and what that freedom means. We must not only be free, but we must understand what that freedom means. Once we are free and we understand the ramifications of that freedom, we will want all men to be free. The message of true freedom will ring across this land.

The understanding of truth makes us free. Understanding is wisdom. It means that when we hear truth and recognize it as truth, we need wisdom and understanding as to how to apply it to our lives and the lives of those around us. It takes wisdom to know what brings justice.



I think Paul was on to something when he wrote to the Ephesians. He had a specific prayer he prayed for the Ekklesia who resided in Ephesus. I am sure he prayed the same way for the Ekklesia residing in other communities, as well. I believe it is a prayer worthy of us today and I am going to pray it for the Ekklesia this year and in particular for those I know and come to know in the coming year. It is the Freedom to BE all God intended, and to no longer be chained to works to prove our worth.

From the Passion Bible:

**So, I kneel humbly in awe before the Father of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, the perfect Father of every father and child in heaven and on the earth. And I pray that he would unveil within you the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods your innermost being with his divine might and explosive power.**

**Then, by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you, and the resting place of his love will become the very source and root of your life.**

**Then you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences—the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding—this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God!**

***Never doubt* God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you. Ephesians 3:14-20 (TPT)**

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First, notice Paul's attitude of humbleness and awe. How did he get to this place? One cannot manufacture the feeling of awe! The King James version says he bows his knees before the Father, which means to kneel in worship and awe. I believe Paul was in awe of the Father because he had experienced the things he was praying for others. He wanted them to experience it, as well.

Verse 19 is the key. We can experience the fullness of God. I want that for me and I want it for you. So, I pray for you in this coming year:

- God will reveal to you that His limitless glory and favor dwells in YOU
- When you understand that, then his supernatural strength will flood your being with divine might and explosive power
- May you constantly be aware the life of Christ is released deep inside of you every day; therefore, you have faith for the impossible.
- You will become the resting place of His love and you will understand it so deeply that it becomes the source and root of every area of your life
- The understanding of the depth and fulness of His love will cause you to overflow with the FULLNESS of God and others will see it.
- You will not doubt the mighty power of God at work in YOU (He is in the working of things around you, but you must understand the FULLNESS of God is at work in YOU) to accomplish all He has planned for you.
- You will see Him as your source for everything. Your heart beats with His heart. Therefore, your greatest request, most unbelievable dream, wildest imagination comes from His heart and He will do it!!
- You are constantly energized by the miraculous power that dwells in you.
- You are a seeker of Truth and Righteousness and you desire Justice.

**Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. Psalm 89:14 (KJV)**

**The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. Isaiah 33:5 (KJV)**



Will you take up the challenge I lay before you, to also pray this for yourselves and those you know? If many of us were to take this seriously, 2025 would be a blessed year indeed and move us much closer to the paradigm shifts that need to happen for the Ekklesia to understand who she really is and to understand the Kingdom of God through the eyes and heart of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

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Have a blessed and fruitful new year and may freedom in God reign in your life and in the lives of those around you!

