

A Fresh Start

Sermon:

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Scripture:

Isaiah 41:15-16

**"Behold, I will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth;
You shall thresh the mountains and beat *them* small,
And make the hills like chaff.
You shall winnow them, the wind shall carry them away,
And the whirlwind shall scatter them;
You shall rejoice in the LORD,
And glory in the Holy One of Israel."** -Isaiah 41:15-16

Questions:

1. Have you ever been given a second chance?
2. Have you ever started over?

God can provide a fresh start. It's all through Christ Jesus our Lord. He can make a new way out of no way.

"Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth." - Genesis 8:11



Fixed between night and day, the Earth turned towards a new year -
Renewed optimism. Hope. Excitement. Happiness buckling
Everyone's fears to their knees, if only for a moment.
Sometimes, I wonder what it looks like from heaven to
Have the world rejoicing at the sight of a fresh

Start; Are angels shouting with us because
They know we are coming out of storms, through mountain valleys
And inching closer to our promise lands? Is Jesus leaning in,
Robe and crown, because this year, we will
Too find Him faithful as when the flood water receded?

Has the Holy Spirit hovered more closely to the Book of Life?
As we walk deeper into the year, I do believe God's
Perfect purpose will ensure our victory. I do believe He is
Providing a way for every challenge of our faith.
You can praise God, now, for what He will accomplish each

New month, new week, and new day of the year.
Eventually, after these days stack up behind us, our fresh start
Will be littered with memories of "I didn't think I'd make it" or

"You have no idea how good He's been to me!".
Every water that tries to overtake us will recede
And we will walk on water like Peter at the
Revelation of His glory that keeps us afloat.

-Erika K. Stanley



Isaiah 43:19

Behold, I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?

I will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.

Romans 6:4

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Revelation 2:17

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."

Revelation 21:5

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Take this opportunity today to clean up some old habits. Deal with the sins in your life that are bogging you down. Start a brand new year with fresh ideas that can motivate you and give you peace and joy. Get busy with you. Invest in your eternal future. Open up the window, take a deep breath and start a new life. Amen!

The Plan Of Salvation

Acts 2:36-47 will get you into Christ. He who believes and is baptized will be saved.

The first century believers in Christ put on Christ. They didn't leave it at belief. They knew it was a new doctrine. Acts 5:28 and follow that doctrine with its command for salvation. Study conversions in the book of Acts and you will see that they:

- They Heard
- They Believe
- They Repented
- They Confessed
- They were Baptized

Will you do the same?! Amen

- Do you know what you believe, why you believe it, and where it is taught in the bible?
- Do you know your Bible and where salvation is taught for the remission of sins?

"all scripture...profitable for doctrine," II Timothy 3:16

What happened in the Old Testament, "happened unto them for examples and they are written for our admonition" I Corinthians 10:11

- If the answer to the above question is no
- Is **the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit** pleased?

What Is Doctrine?

- Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not mine but His who sent me." -John 7:16

The American College Dictionary defines doctrine as "a particular principle taught or advocated; a body or system of teachings relating to a particular subject; dogma, precept, belief.

Strong's Concordance

- didaché: doctrine, teaching
- Original Word: διδασκαλία, ἡς, ἡ
- Definition: teaching, doctrine, what is taught.

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διδασκαλία, διδασκαλίας ἡ (διδάσκω)

1. teaching, viz. that which is taught: Mark 1:27; John 7:16; Acts 17:19; Rom. () ; 2 John 1:10; Revelation 2:24; ἡ διδασκαλία τίνος, one's doctrine, i. e. what he teaches: Matthew 7:28; Matthew 16:12; Matthew 22:33; Mark 1:22; Mark 11:18; Luke 4:32; John 18:19; Acts 5:28; Revelation 2:14f; ἡ διδασκαλία of God, τοῦ κυρίου, τοῦ Χριστοῦ, the doctrine which has God, Christ, the Lord, for its author and supporter: John 7:17; Acts 13:12; 2 John 1:9; with the genitive of the object, doctrine, teaching, concerning something: Hebrews 6:2 (Winer's Grammar, 187 (176); 192 (181); 551 (513)); plural Hebrews 13:9.

2. (the act of) teaching, instruction, (cf. διδασκαλία (on the supposed distinction between the two words and their use in the N. T. see Ellicott on 2 Timothy 4:2; they are associated in 2 Timothy 4:2, 3; Titus 1:9)): Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 4:2; ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, while he was teaching, a phrase by which the Evangelist indicates that he is about to cite some of the many words which Jesus spoke at that time, Mark 4:2; Mark 12:38; τοῦ κατὰ τὴν διδασκαλίαν πιστοῦ λόγου, the faithful word which is in accordance with the received (2 Timothy 3:14) instruction, Titus 1:9; in particular, the teaching of the διδάσκαλος (which see 6) in the religious assemblies of Christians: λαλεῖν ἐν διδασκαλίᾳ, to speak in the way of teaching, in distinction from other modes of speaking in public, 1 Corinthians 14:6; ἔχω διδασκαλίαν, to have something to teach, 1 Corinthians 14:26.