

If God had a New Year resolution What Would it Be? Part I

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It has been over 30 years since God made a special promise to me and during that time I never dreamed where that promise would lead me and some of the results it would bring in my life, and also the overflow in many other life's, when God makes you a promise and as that promise is being fulfilled many times it may have an equal amount of impact on other people as much as it does in your personal life.

Back to the question; If God had a New Year resolution what would it be?

What is a *RESOLUTION*?

- 1 the act or process of **resolving**: as *a*: the act of analyzing a complex notion into simpler ones *b*: the act of answering
2. **Something that is resolved**

Examples of *RESOLUTION*

1. a court for the *resolution* of civil disputes
2. We found a *resolution* to the dispute.
3. computer screens with high *resolutions*

1. Gods resolution;

2 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ ***But do not forget this one thing***, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. (ever had one?)

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

The last eleven words of that verse is Gods resolution,

not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Keep this in mind. This verse is the answer to the scoffers who felt Christ would not return as he had promised. (This was the second objection) Look at

2 Peter 3:3-4 (NIV)

³ First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing (**mockers; turn the gospel to ridicule**) and following their own evil desires (**lust**). (That's a prophesy)

They have no desire to find out truth; they follow their desires not Gods will.

⁴ **They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." (A commentary)**

They are saying; perhaps the time which had been set for his coming, had passed away, and still all things remained as they were.(nothing has changed) **The reply of the apostle is**, for that which may seem to be a long time to us is a brief period with God. In the infinity of his own duration there is abundant time to accomplish his will, and it makes no difference with him whether they are accomplished in one day or extended to one thousand years.

We have a short time to live, and if we do not accomplish our purposes in a very brief period, **we never will**. But it is not so with God. **He always lives**; and we cannot therefore infer, because the execution of His purposes seems to be delayed, that they are abandoned. With Him who always lives it will be as easy to accomplish them at a long distant period as now (2000 years later). If it is His pleasure to accomplish them in a single day, He can do it; or He has power to carry them onward through what seems, to us, to be so vast a duration. The wicked, therefore, cannot infer that they will escape because their punishment is delayed ;(**now listen**) nor should we the righteous fear that the divine promises will fail because ages pass away before they are accomplished. The expression

here used, that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years," is common in the Rabbinical writings.

A similar thought occurs in; **Ps 90:4**: "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

We must understand, God is not controlled as we are by time and space, he transcends it.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, **but everyone to come to repentance.**

1. God desires everyone to be saved; it is not his will that your family or friends go to hell. (Not one), if it takes all of their life.

What did he do to accomplish his will?

John 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Luke 19:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

John 12:47 (NIV)

⁴⁷ "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.

Did the early church understand their responsibility to the lost?

Romans 11:13-14 (NIV)

¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry

¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. Look at

Romans 9:3 (NIV)

³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, **(A very challenging verse for scholars.)**

Not eternally damned, but sacrifice his life or whatever the cost for Israel to wake up and see Jesus as messiah, ex; if your child is headed for destruction you would sacrifice your life if they would turn to Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:21 (NIV)

²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst.

1 Timothy 4:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)

²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Regardless of who you are or what you have done.