

If God had a New Year Resolution What Would It Be? Part II

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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?

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 God's will.

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

Not only is it his will to save you it is also his purpose to keep you.

Jude 1:24 (NIV)

²⁴ To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—

OK, do we have any responsibility in God's plan of salvation or is Calvinism right? (Predestination).

James 1:19-21 (NIV)

¹⁹ My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

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²⁰ for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Obviously

You must accept Jesus first as your Personal savior.

John 3:3-5 (NIV)

³ In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

⁴ "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water (water baptism, public, external) and the Spirit (private, internal).

John 6:28-29 (NIV)

²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

After we accept Christ and filled with the Spirit, what then?

James 5:19-20 (NIV)

¹⁹ My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back,

²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (NIV)

²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.

²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 3:5-8 (NIV)

⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe--as the Lord has assigned to each his task.

⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.

⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

⁸ The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.

Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV)

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

John 4:35 (NIV)

³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.