

THE QUEENS MINISTRY – BIBLE BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP “NEW YEAR – NEW YOU!”

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All of us over the years have made a resolution to improve some of area of our life, especially at the beginning of a new year. We resolve to change our looks, our bad habits, our mindsets, our attitudes, our lifestyles, our work habits, our fashion taste, our choices, any number of things. But how long do we work towards those goals before giving in or giving up?!

Sometimes, not too long! However long we work at it – we do look forward to things being changed, different, even new.

This year though, I want to challenge us in 2023 to instead of making another resolution, that we will eventually give up on, that we would make a conscious decision to lean into what the Bible declares about us as new creations. What does the Bible say to us about being made new – Brand New!

Who we are – the Bible identifies attributes and characteristics of the believer that are the make-up of the new life in Christ.

What does the new life – new creation look like? This lesson aims to identify the biblical descriptions of the “Brand New Life” found in Christ.

Ultimately, our Brand-New Life – starts where? _____

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“But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.” Ephesians 2:4-5

“For you have a new life. It was not passed on to you from your parents, for the life they gave you will fade away. This new one will last forever, for it comes from Christ, God’s ever-living Message to men.” 1 Peter 1:23 (TLB)

God has poured out His Spirit on those who have accepted His salvation plan and have become identified with Christ. We are no longer enemies, or strangers, but sons and daughters of the Most High God!

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that resides in us through salvation that we have life,

Part 1:

Similar words that mean new life:

- a) _____ Romans 12:2
- b) _____ Colossians 3:10
- c) _____ 1 Peter 1:23
- d) _____ Titus 3:5
- e) _____
John 3:3-7; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 John 5:1, 4
- f) _____ Ephesians 4:22-24

Part 2:

The Apostle Peter also touches on the subject of new life – in 1 Peter 1:23 he tells the readers that they are born of what?

What is the seed he is referring to? _____

What are we born of _____

Part 3:

What are the benefits that are afforded the believer whose true and new identity is in Christ?

We are refined, and defined by our continual, growing relationship with Christ. And because of this relationship, we become partakers of the benefits found in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. List below some of the treasures associated with the new life found in Christ.

Romans 3:24 _____

Romans 8:1 _____

Romans 8:2 _____

1 Cor. 1:2

1 Cor. 1:30

1 Cor. 15:22

2 Cor. 5:21

Gal. 3:28

Eph. 1:3

Eph. 1:4

Eph. 1:5, 6

Eph. 1:7

Eph. 1:10, 11

Eph. 1:13

Eph. 2:6

Eph. 2:10

Eph. 2:13

Eph. 3:6

Eph. 3:12

Eph. 5:29, 30

Col. 2:10

Col. 2:11

2 Tim. 2:10

Part 4:

What does the Bible say are attributes we should guard against as believers?

Gal. 5; Eph. 5; Col. 3; 1 Cor. 6; Rev. 22

As the new year continues to evolve let us remember that we are given the opportunity for a fresh start. Let us take the time to reset and refocus on the new life we have in Christ.

As one author writes “Our self-image is transformed as we see ourselves through the eyes of the One who knows us best and deems us worthy of His sacrifice”* (*Fresh Start-Int’l Leadership Institute)

Think about it! – What new characteristic(s) since you have become born anew in Christ stands out in your life?

What old way have you seen diminished? _____

In what areas can you see the newness of your life?

My prayer for us today: “...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. (Romans 6:4)

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