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New Beginnings

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Every new year brings with it the prospect of a new beginning. We walk through an imaginary door into a fresh new day, month and year.

The past is behind us, new goals have been set and we have a fresh start at life. It has been this way since the beginning of time.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth . . . And there was evening and there was morning - the first day” (Genesis 1:1, 5). From day one, God has always been in the business of giving us a new beginning each new day. ***“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning” (Lamentations 3:22-23).***

What a blessing it is for us to be able to start over each day. Each new day holds the opportunity to live out the next 24 hours in a fresh, new way. What we make of that time is up to us.

There have been other new beginnings throughout time. God brought a new beginning to the earth and mankind when he sent the flood and preserved Noah and his family **(Genesis 6-9)**. Again, God gave a new beginning to His people when He changed their languages at

the tower of Babel. This act helped to separate the people of the world at that time. They gathered together with others whose language they could understand. Each group took up residence in another part of the land. It was the beginning of nations that were now separated by language **(Genesis 11:1-9)**. God called Abraham out of Ur to the land of Canaan **(Genesis 12)**. He called the children of Israel out of Egypt **(Exodus 12-15)**. And on and on it goes throughout history.



Each person experiences new beginnings in their own personal life as well. A child is born, leaving the pre-natal environment and entering a totally different world, full of sounds and sights and smells they have not known. As the child grows and moves about on his own, his world changes again. Soon the toddler is grown to the point of leaving the comfort of home as he begins school. This is another new beginning.

Marriage, employment, parenthood these are all new beginnings. As we age, and our bodies begin to fail, we see another new beginning as our lifestyle changes in older years.

God has designed us to adjust to all these changes. He teaches us many things as we grow and see new beginnings in so many areas of our lives. God told us He has a plan for us. ***“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11).***

From the beginning of time God planned to send His Son Jesus to this world to redeem us from our sin. His love for us is so great that He gave His only Son to die for our sins that we might live with Him in heaven forever. A new beginning.

When you receive Christ into your life you are given a new spirit as a child of God. The Spirit of God lives within each one who accepts Christ as His Savior and Lord. This leads to the greatest new beginning that you will ever experience. ***“I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 11:19).***

Your life will be changed; and you will experience a glorious new beginning.

