



## QA: Why Wish for a “New” Year? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### QUESTION: Why wish for a “New” Year?

**ANSWER: Probably to get it over with because it may be completely forgotten within a few weeks. It is a good time to learn from the past.**

#### 1. **Look Back, But Don’t Re-live** Do you “live in the past?”

Do not say, “Why were the former days better than these?” For you do not inquire wisely concerning this. (**Ecclesiastes 7:10**)

When we have only good memories about the past, we: (a) have faulty memories, and (b) probably haven’t learned much. Life is a great teacher, but lessons come from both good and bad.

Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet he will not learn righteousness. (**Isaiah 26:10**)

It is important to know that “God requires an account of what is past” (**Ecclesiastes 3:15**). Christians have learned that...

We have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles — when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. (**1 Peter 4:3**)

Good people don’t want to go back!

#### 2. **What’s “New” For 2023?** What would make this a “new” year for you, a new ... job? house? car? clothes? We can change our “things,” but some things must stay the same: our relatives; our routines; our past year; our memories. **What would truly make this a “new” year is if each one of us would change ourselves,** then we would make this a “new” year for those around us. If we follow Jesus Christ, it requires “that you:

Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (**Ephesians 4:22- 24**)

**Change what we can – ourselves.**

3. **Paul preached**, to those who were “buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead” (**Colossians 2:12**),

Put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. (**Colossians 3:5-6**)

**Set Yourself Free In 2023!**

— *jtp11, January 1, 2023*