

# GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS

New Years – 1-1-12

## How do we make the most of the fact that God offers new beginnings?

### I. Evaluate where you are going.

A. God urges you to **examine yourself**.

I Cor 11:28, 31

B. **David's** example

Ps 51:10-12 – David examined himself, recognized the problem & asked God for help.

Maybe God is giving you a wake-up call, like David's.

C. **Peter's** example

Matt 26 – Jesus told Peter, “before the rooster crows, you'll deny me 3 times.”

Peter got a wake-up call from a rooster.

Look at Peter the next 2 times he gets confronted: Acts 4:10-12; Acts 5:29-32

### II. God offers new beginnings.

A. Change can be **almost impossible**.

Jeremiah 13:23 – we are creatures of habit.

Many habits seem impossible to break.

B. But, **God does the impossible**.

Matt 19:23-26 – With God, all things are possible.

C. The day a person accepts Christ, God already makes them a **new creature**.

II Cor 5:17

D. God continues to offer **new beginnings** to His children.

Rev 3:14-20

God offers you the opportunity and the power to change.

### III. You must be willing to change.

How do we take that 2nd chance that God offers & run with it?

A. **Turn** to God.

II Cor 3:15-18; I John 2:1

Turn to God to redirect your course.

B. **Recognize** you've been set free.

Rom 6:6-12

Recognize that God has made a way for you to get **past the limitations**.

C. Be renewed in your **mind**.

Rom 12:2 – To change you must change how you **think**.

We don't think like God thinks – Isaiah 55:8-9

The **Bible** is the one place you'll find His thoughts recorded.

D. Take on a new **perspective**.

II Pet 3:10-13

Learn to see life **thru God's eyes**.

E. **Replace** the old with the new.

**Replacement is the art of change.**

Eph 4:17, 20-24 – To truly change what you have habitually learned to do, you have to replace the old habits with new.

Specific examples: V. 25, 28, 29, 31-32

If you want to get rid of ungodly behaviors & habits, replace them with godly ones.

God offers you frequent opportunities to change, and empowers you to do so!!!