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Scripture: Revelation 21:5  
2 Corinthians 5:17  
Romans 6:4

**Revelation 21:5 (NKJV)** Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**Romans 6:4 (NKJV)** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, 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.

### Introduction

Today begins a brand new year, 1995. It is the time when men make new years resolutions to do things differently. But only Jesus can make us new. We must rely on Him to enable us to change

#### I. A new goal - To be like Jesus

**Philippians 3:8-10 (NKJV)** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 ***that I may know Him*** and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

**1 John 3:2-3 (NKJV)** Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, ***we shall be like Him***, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

##### A. What would Jesus do?

1. His response to this circumstance
2. Living His model

##### B. Dealing with our self interest

#### II. A new motive - To please God

Hebrews 11:5 (NKJV) By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; ***for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.***

##### A. The fleshly motive - to please self

**John 15:13 (NKJV)** "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

##### B. Learning to please God

#### III. A new method - To obey Him

**Hebrews 5:8 (NKJV)** though He was a Son, ***yet He learned obedience*** by the things which He suffered.

**Acts 26:19 (NKJV)** "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

**1 Samuel 15:22 (NKJV)** Then Samuel said: ***"Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD?"*** Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

##### A. When we should obey Him

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1. When it makes no sense
  2. When the obvious outcome will be damaging to us
  3. When obedience is blind
- B. Coming out of rebellion

### **Conclusion**

The Lord would develop a new lifestyle in us: one of trust, selflessness and obedience. His church in the future will be different from the past. Now he requires us to live for Him.