

FUSION Devo (January 1st, 2009)

Title: A New Beginning

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone and the new has come.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Can you believe that it us 2009? As I sat at dinner with Kim and the kids last night, we spoke about how fast 2008 simply flew by. It seems like yesterday we were excited about 2008, we were making plans, experiencing trips and so much more. In many ways 2008 was great. In other ways, it was a tough year.

Anyway, walking into a new year, we tend to think about resolutions and new beginnings. We make plans about things like doing better in school, losing weigh, being a better person, etc. The coolest part is this idea of simply starting over. Wiping the slate clean and embracing a new beginning.

We are so blessed that as Christ Followers we have given that amazing gift. If Jesus is a true part of our lives and we have an intimate relationship with him, everyday has the possibility of being a "new beginning." How blessed are we that someone has loved us so much that they have totally and truly paid the price for our wrongs? Well, that is exactly what we have been given through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. And when we confession and repent for those wrongs, God wipes our slate clean and the old is gone, the new has come. Much like we think about as we enter a new year, in Christ, we are a new creation.

As you enjoy today, with all of your friends, watching the bowl games and taking in these last days of no school and work, please remember that in Christ a new beginning is more than changing from one year to another. It is the truest expression of the unconditional love of Christ.

So, once again. Happy New Year and let the New Beginning begin!

Something To Think About:

- What does today a new beginning mean to you?
- What "Old" parts of you do you want to be wiped away today?
- What "New" parts do you hope to make a part of who you are in 2009?
- Is Jesus at the center of the "New" you?

A Little Talk with God:

God, thank you for this new day. Thank you for the promise of a new beginning and a willingness to give me that amazing and priceless gift. Help me to embrace the new me and truly live in a way that will reflect your love and your light into a world that needs your presence.

Please bless me to be a blessing to others.

In your holy name I pray. Amen.