

Happy New Year ~ 2021!

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One might assume that since the calendar turned over to a new year that everything would be nice, clean, new and perfect! In reality, the new year is **opportunity**, but nothing more. Moreover, you cannot live a year at a time, but in the new year you must live one day at a time. *“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble”*([Matthew 6:34](#)).

In fact, the Bible says nothing about “happy new year.” It says much about taking advantage of **“today.”** For example, *“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin”* ([Hebrews 3:12–13](#)). Today will be a blessing for improved faith, or today will be a curse when you allow your heart to be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Just the same, we need to have **a positive outlook** on life. The past year has beaten us down severely. No matter how we view it, the past year has been a challenge to the living, and it has ended the lives of others. So what **positive thing** can we take into the new year?

- ➔ Opportunity to study God’s Word and to grow stronger in our faith, [Romans 10:17](#)
- ➔ Opportunity to share the Gospel with someone who would be forever indebted to you for teaching them how to obtain eternal life, [2 Timothy 2:2](#)
- ➔ Opportunity to draw near to God in prayer, meditation, and reflection, [Psalm 1:1](#)
- ➔ Opportunity to love one another more deeply, [Philippians 2:4](#)
- ➔ Opportunity to improve your attitude (get rid of that “stinkin’ thinkin’!), [Philippians 4:8](#)
- ➔ Opportunity to learn to live life one day at a time, [Matthew 6:34](#)
- ➔ Opportunity for inner peace, [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

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