

# NEW YEARS EVE 2006

## MORNING SERVICE

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COLOSSIANS 1:27

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### "LIVING THE EXCHANGED LIFE"

*LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT, BY THE SPIRIT  
AND THROUGH THE SPIRIT UNTIL CHRIST COMES AGAIN*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

*Revival, New Years, Renewal, Commitment, Dedication*

Introduction to the Text;

Col. 1:27

**Statement of Textual Summation and Theme**

Col. 1:27

To them (*those who have come to Christ*) God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles:  
*which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

At a New Year Like This; - On a Morning Like This  
I Could Assume the Roll of Physical Trainer or Coach,

someone who might say

"O.K. Stand up, shake it off, you're going to be fine"

**But That Picture Breaks Down**

**if all I can challenge you to do is "give it your best" or "you can do it"**

Our Secret for Victory and Success This New Year is Not Found  
among the bold, not with the strong, or with the most innovative,

**It's Found in a New Life being Lived**  
*in us and through us*

**John 10:10b**

I have come that you may have *life*,  
and that you may have *it more abundantly*.

**GRK.** Life = ζωή zoe, *dzo-ay*

*To live a life-time of life. meaning: living life by the prescribed method, to live as life was ordained to be lived*

**GRK.** Abundant = περισσός perissos, *per-is-sos'*;

*To go beyond, to move out into a superabundant or a superior in quality of life. exceeding, greater, above, advantaged life.*

***Which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

Keep That In Mind

As Tonight, Billions of People All Around The World Will Be United in a Collective  
Effort to Drown Away the Broken Dreams and the Busted Plans  
That Didn't Happen in 2006.

Equally True will be the Human Tendency to Wash Away and to Forget  
the Sorrows and the Frustrations that This Year Brought to Many Lives.

**John 7:37-39**

Now, on the last day, that great *day* of the feast,  
Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. :38  
He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of  
living water." :39 But this Jesus spoke concerning the Holy Spirit, whom those  
believing in Him would receive;

**LIVING THE EXCHANGED LIFE**

**1.) Personal Awareness: *who we are in Christ***

**PERSONAL AWARENESS, WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST**

## 1a.) We are *not our own*

The Bible Says:

That Jesus Christ has purchased us out of this world. In doing that, we are no longer property of this world. We have been redeemed.

His act of redemption demands totally ownership. The Christian *belongs* to his or her master, Jesus Christ.

### **Rom. 8:37-39**

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. :38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, :39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is *in* Christ Jesus our Lord.

**In Christ - we no longer have our own time, time, authority, rights, and agenda's**

### **1Cor. 6:20**

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

## **PERSONAL AWARENESS, WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST**

## 1b.) We are *fully His*

### **1Cor. 3:23**

And you *are* Christ's, (belong to) and Christ *is* God's.

### **Rev. 5:9**

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have **redeemed** us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

## **PERSONAL AWARENESS, WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST**

## 1c.) We are *His examples of change*

The Greatest Example of the Power of the Gospel of Christ,  
are the changed lives that it Creates.

### **2Cor. 5:21**

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### **Gal. 2:4**

We have a **liberty** which is only found in Christ Jesus.

That what's been going on in your life?

That's why this year went the way that it did, the lord was in it.  
your highs and lows, he was there with you, in everything!

**Because he's been preparing you for heaven, while....**

others are watching, listening and wondering

**THINK ABOUT IT, YOUR LIFE IS BEING USED BY GOD TO  
CONVINCE OTHERS THAT THEY NEED HIM TOO.**

### **It's a Crucified Life // Gal. 2:20-21**

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. :21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

### **Matt. 16:24-26**

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. :25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. :26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

# ? WILL YOU JOIN ME THIS YEAR ?

*as we together do what we can to draw closer to the Lord*

## LIVING THE EXCHANGED LIFE

2.) **Church Involvement:** *what we **do** in Christ*

### CHURCH INVOLVEMENT: WHAT WE DO IN CHRIST

2a.) *We **open** our eyes & hearts to others*

we look for the needs of others. we anticipate being used by the lord.  
we are proactively available.

What If, This Year, Jesus were to Appear to You and Say.  
"I Will Give You, In Heaven Rewards, Based Upon Your Efforts  
(say he promises you a 25% return on your effort)

**Do You Really Believe in Heaven, In Jesus Christ, In Forever?**

?? Really ??

## Have You Seen Those Road Signs?

Adopt a Highway - but that's what we pay taxes for!  
Adopt a Church - but that's what we tithe for!

Jesus Would Have to Adopt a Christian

**Rom. 12:5**

so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ,  
and individually members of one another.

**Each of Us Have Been Given What It Takes to Love Another**

**Acts 3:6**

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." :7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. :8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

**CHURCH INVOLVEMENT: WHAT WE DO IN CHRIST**

**2b.) We *engage* our lives with others**

More Powerful Than Any Sermon That Could Ever be Preached  
is a life lived to the glory of God

**1John 3:17-18**

But whoever has **this world's goods**, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? :18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

**Warning / Warning / Warning / Warning**  
**the follow can be dangerous**

**Beginning Now - Will Your Life be Needed This New Year?**

**If Jesus Christ is at Work in Your Life, Other's  
Will Be in Need of What Jesus is Doing in You.**

**When We Are Not Needed by Others,  
We Are Backsliding, We Are Not Walking with Him,  
We Are Not Serving God**

**My Love For God Can be Easily Observed.....  
by how much I love you and serve you and point you to Jesus**

# Get Involved in Church Stuff

## CHURCH INVOLVEMENT: WHAT WE DO IN CHRIST

### 2c.) We *advance* the kingdom for others

The Pattern to "Getting the Word Out" was Given in Scripture attempts to improve upon it have always ended up a loss with time.

### The Bible Makes It Clear It's The **Holy Spirit** That Calls Us Out

#### Acts 13:2

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Paul for the work to which I have called them."

### It's **Jesus Christ** That Sends Us Out

#### Matt. 28:18

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

#### Acts 16:5

So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and **increased in number daily.**

#### Acts 2:46

So they, continuing daily with one accord in the **temple**, (today, the church) and breaking bread from **house** to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, (content) :47 praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord added to the church daily** those who were being saved.

**? WILL YOU JOIN ME THIS YEAR ?**  
*as we together do what we can through church involvement*

## LIVING THE EXCHANGED LIFE

### 3.) **National Renewal: *Where we are in Christ***

If I Only Lived There or Maybe Here or In..... Hawaii !

1Cor. 1:2

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints, with all, who, in every place** call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord...

### NATIONAL RENEWAL: WHERE WE ARE IN CHRIST

#### 3a.) **Where a nation went to its *knees in pray***

when America was a Christian nation,  
*it went to pray, it called upon God for help.*

I Remember When President Nixon  
called all Americans to pray at home or go to your local church for  
the crew of Apollo 13 - we went to the multi-purpose room

### NATIONAL RENEWAL: WHERE WE ARE IN CHRIST

#### 3b.) **Where a nation went to its *bible for guidance***

As a Nation - Nationally, America Has Lost its Way

America is Tripping Over Itself  
with political correctness, situational ethics, public polls  
It's Wandering and is Soon to be Lost

does America have a moral rudder?  
does America have clear direction?  
does America have a biblical leader in our day?



# The Bible Has Been Sidelined in America Today

We Need to Wake Up and Get Involved

## NATIONAL RENEWAL: WHERE WE ARE IN CHRIST

### 3c.) *Where a nation went about to honor God*

Our National Hymns. Our Memorials, Our Government, Our Culture,  
All of It was Based Upon Biblical, Christianity  
And America's History  
was one that God was honored and Revered.

**Psa. 33:12**

Blessed (happy) is the nation whose God is the LORD,

**2Chr. 7:13-14**

When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, :14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

## ? WILL YOU JOIN ME THIS YEAR ?

*as we together do what we can to pray and seek the Lord*

## LIVING THE EXCHANGED LIFE

### 4.) *Global Reach: when we go in Christ*

Regarding the Cause of Christ - To Get The Word to the World;  
there is no better investment to be made than getting His word to a lost world.

## GLOBAL REACH: WHEN WE GO IN CHRIST

### 4a.) *We leave our comforts behind*

Dear Christian;  
we are living for **Someone** else and **Something** else  
so much greater than **Anything** else

**Mark 10:28**

Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.” :29 So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, :30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.

**Phil. 3:7-10**

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. :8 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 :9 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,

**Matt. 6:19-21**

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; :20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. :21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**GLOBAL REACH: WHEN WE GO IN CHRIST**

**4b.) We leave our *country* behind**

**Earthly, Worldly Identifiers**

**Gal. 3:27-28**

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ *have put on Christ*. :28 There is **neither** Jew nor Greek, there is **neither** slave nor free, there is **neither** male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

# The Christian's Situation in Life is Awesome; We No longer Belong to This World

**John 17:14**

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because *they are not of this world*, just as I am not of the world.

## When Jesus is Your Life

where you're from no longer matters, it doesn't benefit anything.

are you from France? // are you from Peru? // are you from Pakistan?  
you're not a **French-American** // you're not a **Russian-American** // you're not a **-Pakistani-American**

**Gal. 6:14**

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

## GLOBAL REACH: WHEN WE GO IN CHRIST

**4c.) We leave our *concerns* behind**

our concerns are our chains - it's the worries

(we do need to take care of our families and pay our bills)

## **This Year, Let Heaven's Concerns Be Yours**

Refuse to be Owned This Year by Things That Melt Away

*(Things That Melt Away = Are Things That Can be Stolen, Broken, Burned)*

## **THESE "TREASURES" DON'T LAST**

**1Pet. 5:6-7**

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, :7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

**Eph. 1:3**

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

Positionally, Spiritually, Our Reality is Coming from Heaven  
Practically, Physically, Our Ministry is Here on Earth Below.

Our true Identity and Location is in Heaven

**Phil. 3:20**

For our citizenship is in heaven,  
from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

**A Great New Years Verse**

**Phil. 3:13-14**

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,  
:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**This is My prayer for You**

**Amplified Version Col. 1:9-14**

So we have continued praying for you ever since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you a complete understanding of what he wants to do in your lives, and we ask him to make you wise with spiritual wisdom. :10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and you will continually do good, kind things for others. All the while, you will learn to know God better and better. :11 ¶ We also pray that you will be strengthened with his glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy, :12 always thanking the Father, who has enabled you to share the inheritance that belongs to God's holy people, who live in the light.....

.....:13 For he has rescued us from the one who rules in the kingdom of darkness, and he has brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son. :14 God has purchased our freedom with his own blood and has forgiven us of all our sins.

**? WILL YOU JOIN ME THIS YEAR ?**

*as we together do what we can* to reach the world for Christ

**An Exchanged Life**

*End of Study*