

# **THE NEW YEAR 2014**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. 2013 years according to our calendars, (2017 by some calculations) have now come and gone since our Lord was here on earth. And now we begin a new year 2014
- B. Each year ends with a bit of sadness, a bit of relief, and a bit of anticipation.
- C. So much of what the New Year will be is dependent on our attitude.
- D. Our attitude should be what Paul stated in Phil 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **I. THROUGH CHRIST I CAN HAVE SALVATION**

- A. We must be concerned about our own salvation Phil 2:12
- B. We can be active in saving ourselves Acts 2:40
- C. Then we can help save others 1Tim 4:16
- D. However, we will all stand before God to answer for ourselves, not someone else. 2Cor 5:10; Rom 14:12

### **II. THROUGH AND WITH CHRIST I CAN FACE THE FUTURE**

- A. We need to be positive about the future
- B. We must see the potential. Num 13:30
- C. We have no reason to fear
  - 1. Jesus did not fear His death Heb 13:12-14; Jhn 10:15-18
  - 2. We can have boldness Eph 3:12
  - 3. Franklin Roosevelt: "We have nothing to fear, but fear itself."
- D. Some only see problems in coming year. Num 13:31

### **III. THROUGH AND WITH CHRIST I CAN SERVE GOD**

- A. Our faith must prompt us to serve God
- B. Our faith is nothing if it does not prompt us to serve the Lord with all our might. Jas 1:22; 2:18; Eccl 9:10
- C. God has set before us a race to run, a victors crown to win.
  - 1. We are not spectators. 1Cor 9:24,25
  - 2. Race must be run with patience Heb 12:1
- D. We must run the race in 2014, so that we will not be ashamed to meet the Lord. 2Tim 4:7

## **IV. THROUGH AND WITH CHRIST MUCH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED**

- A. We must not limit what can be done
- B. Both individuals and church have much to do this year.
  - 1. We suffer but God's love sustains us Rom 8:36-39
  - 2. God will help us do what we can Eph 3:20
- D. A little bit of faith can go a long way. Matt 17:20
- E. Knowing God hears us gives confidence 1Jhn 5:14-15

## **V. THROUGH AND WITH CHRIST WE CAN HAVE SUCCESS**

- A. Jesus will help us 2Tim 4:14-18; Heb 13:6
- B. However, to have his help we must continue to abide in Him Jhn 15:5-8
- C. We must put His kingdom first Matt 6:33

## **CONCLUSION: (TITLE)**

- A. Many things have changed in 2013 some have gone on to their reward and now the new year is before us; what will it hold for us?
- C. No one knows what a new year may bring, it may bring great joy or great sorrow. The great society as we know it today, may in fact come to an end.
- D. However, we can make up our minds to face the future whatever it may be with a positive attitude and strive to be an asset rather than a liability to the congregation of which we are a part.
- E. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil 4:13.